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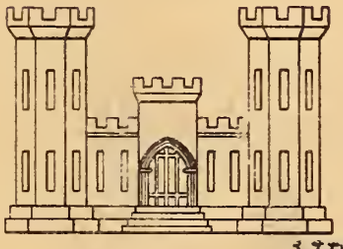

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LOCAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECTS

Southern New York Flood Control Project

Three of the main damage centers in southern New York are Binghamton, Corning, and Elmira (Plate 1). Local flood protection works are in the course of construction or in advanced stages of design at each of these localities.

The following pages show the general plans for these projects, together with pictures of the areas flooded and of the progress of the flood control works.

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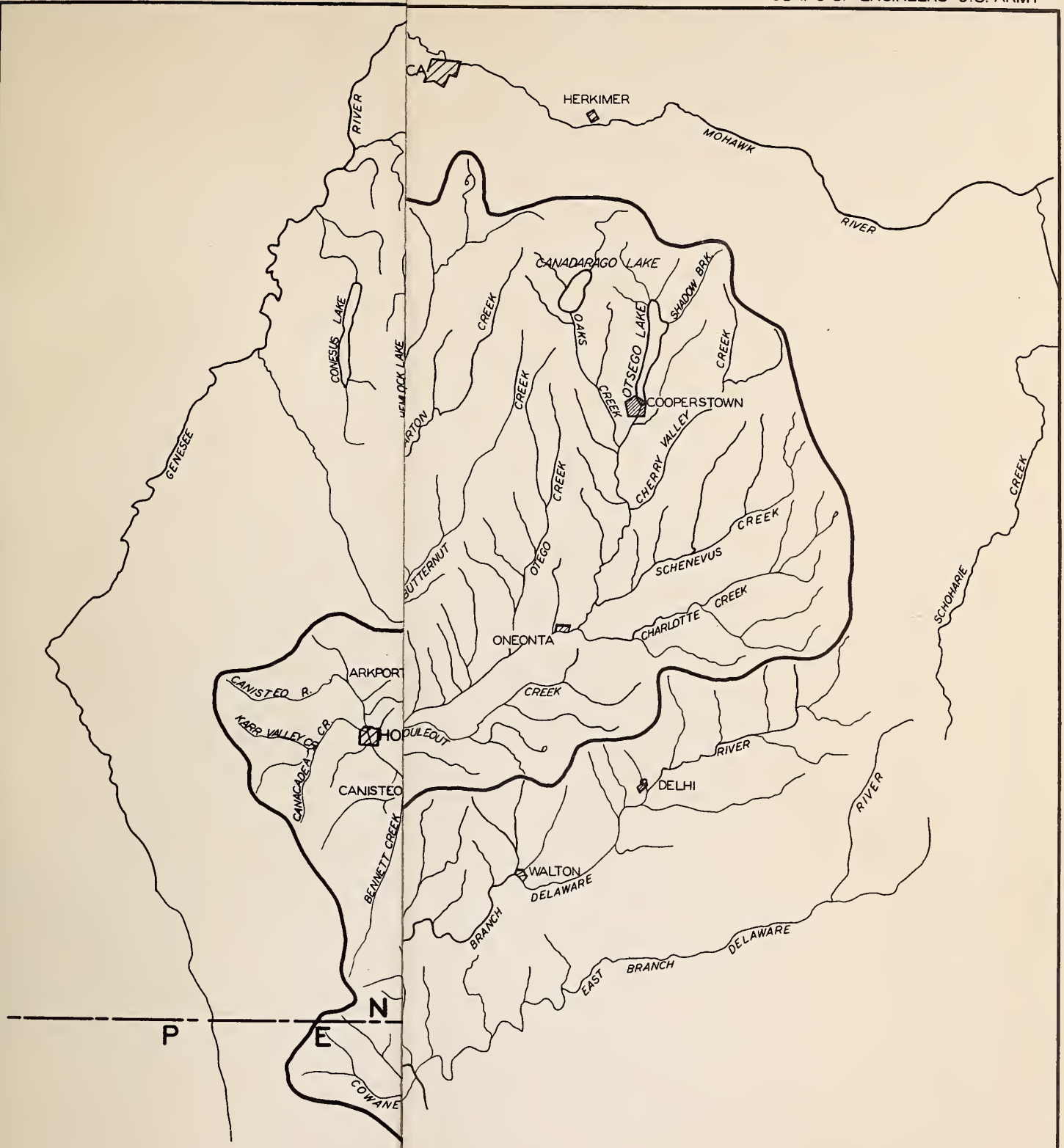

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UPPER SUSQUEHANNA RIVER WATERSHED

SCALE OF MILES

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PLATE I

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

Binghamton, New York, presents one of the major flood problems in the upper Susquehanna River watershed. The city is at the junction of the Chenango and Susquehanna Rivers. Pierce, Park, Chamberlain, and Brandywine Creeks enter the rivers through the city. Frequent flooding by the rivers has caused serious damage to industries and business in the lower portions of the city. The floods of 1935 and 1936 were particularly severe, inundating much of the business section of the city. The flood of 1940 was comparable in volume to those of 1935 and 1936 but lasted a longer period, so that the inundation was much less. Plates 7 to 9 show pictures of this flood and protective works at the flooded areas. Plates 10 and 11 show other phases of the construction.

Certain protective works have been constructed on the rivers and creeks by local interests, but those on the rivers are inadequate and provide a very limited amount of protection. Numerous bridges and encroaching structures reduce the amount of protection that can be provided by walls and levees alone. The local works will therefore be supplemented by the Whitney Point Reservoir in the Chenango River Basin and by four authorized reservoirs in the Susquehanna River Basin.

The flood control works within the city will consist of flood walls and levees along both rivers, together with structures

on the creeks to eliminate flooding by backwater (Plates 2 and 3). The plan will increase the non-damaging capacity of the Susquehanna River from 50,000 to 80,000 cubic feet per second and that of the Chenango River from 42,000 to 75,000 c.f.s. The project is divided into four sections, being prosecuted as separate contracts. Section No. 1 consists of building walls and levees on the south bank of the Susquehanna River (Plate 4) extending for about 6,000 feet from the Exchange Street Bridge to high ground at Vestal Avenue, and constructing a conduit for Park Creek for about 1,200 feet between Vestal Avenue and the river. There will be about 2,000 feet of new concrete flood wall and about 4,000 feet of new levee. The construction of this section is now about 50 percent completed. The estimated date of completion is November 1941. Construction operations to date on Section No. 1 include the placement of about 65,000 cubic yards of earth fill in the levee embankments, the excavation of about 103,000 cubic yards of material, the pouring of about 800 cubic yards of concrete, the driving of about 26,000 square feet of sheet piling, and the installation of various drainage structures. The levee is about 80 percent completed, the concrete flood wall is about 35 percent completed, and work on the Park Creek conduit has just started.

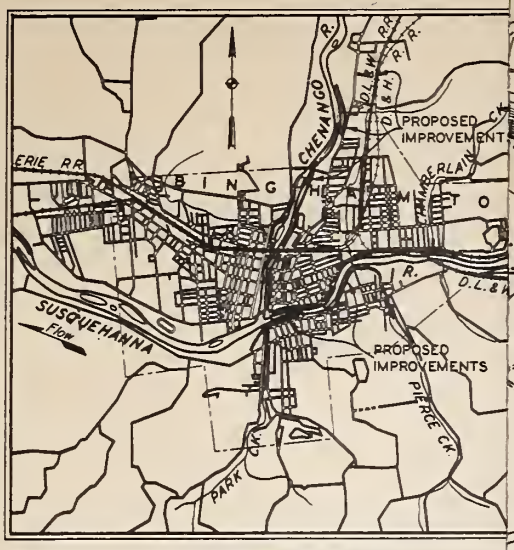
Section No. 2 of the improvement includes flood walls and levees on both the Chenango and Susquehanna Rivers (Plate 5). Levees from the Rockbottom Bridge to Pierce Creek and an improve-

ment of the channel of that stream will complete the protection of the south bank of the Susquehanna River. Flood walls and levees on the north bank of the Susquehanna River will extend from the Washington Street Bridge to high ground east of Rockbottom Bridge. The right bank of the Chenango River will be protected by flood walls and levees downstream to the Erie Railroad bridge, and the left bank by levees around low areas from Port Dickinson to the upper end of the Moyes Island raceway. Construction under contract on this section of the project started on July 15, 1940, and is now about 65 percent completed. The estimated date of completion is December 1941. Construction operations to date on Section No. 2 include the placement of about 316,000 cubic yards of earth fill in the levee embankment, the pouring of about 600 cubic yards of concrete, the driving of about 22,000 square feet of steel sheet piling, the excavation of about 496,000 cubic yards of material, and the installation of various drainage structures. Excavation operations are about 90 percent completed, embankment operations about 85 percent completed, sheet piling operations about 50 percent completed, and concrete operations about 15 percent completed.

Section No. 3 of the improvement includes construction of 650 linear feet of new concrete flood wall, raising of about 970 linear feet of existing concrete flood wall, and appurtenant drainage structures (Plate 6). This section will protect the right

side of the Susquehanna River from the Tompkins Street Bridge upstream to the embankments of the Erie and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroads, together with much of the central part of the city, including the city waterworks. Construction, under contract, on this section is expected to start in December 1940, and to be completed within 300 days.

Section No. 4 of the improvement will complete the flood protection works and will consist of concrete flood walls and appurtenant drainage structures along the right bank of the Chenango River below the Erie Railroad bridge and along the left bank from the upper end of the Noyes Island raceway to the Washington Street Bridge (Plates 2 and 3). Plans for this section of the improvement are being prepared and work will be begun as soon as possible.



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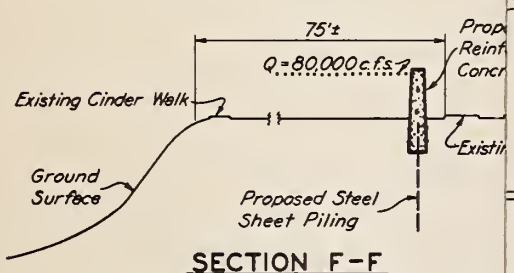

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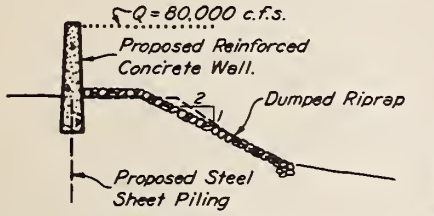

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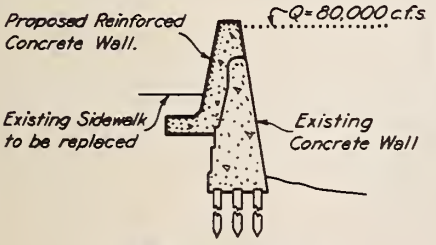

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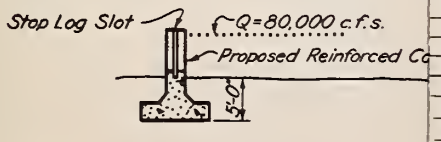

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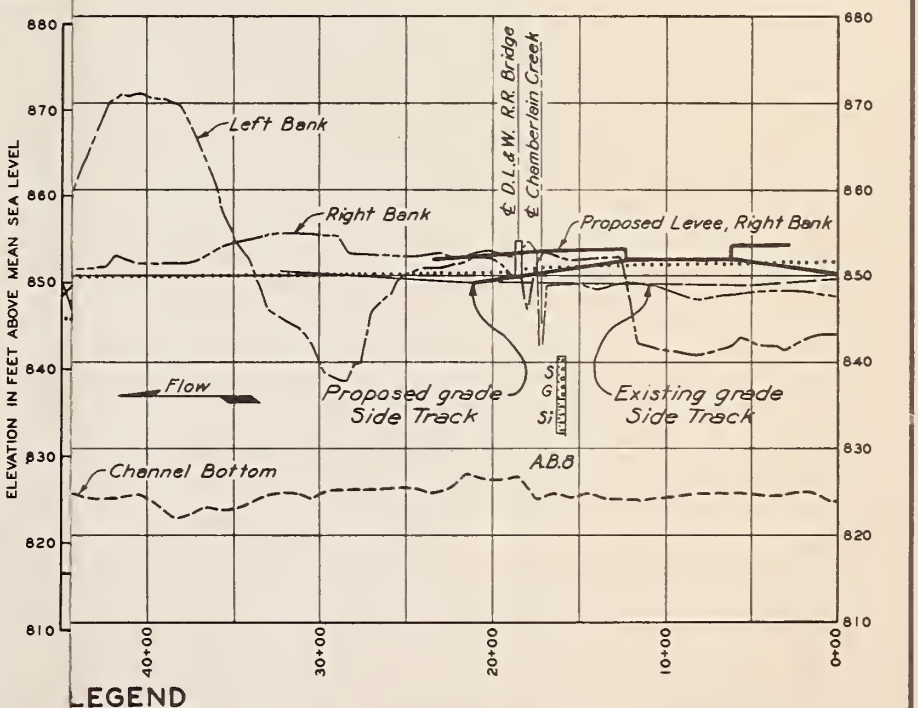

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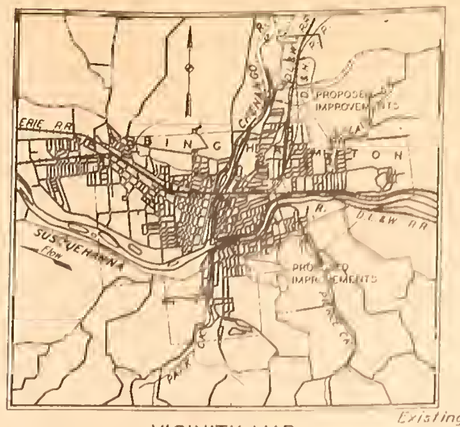

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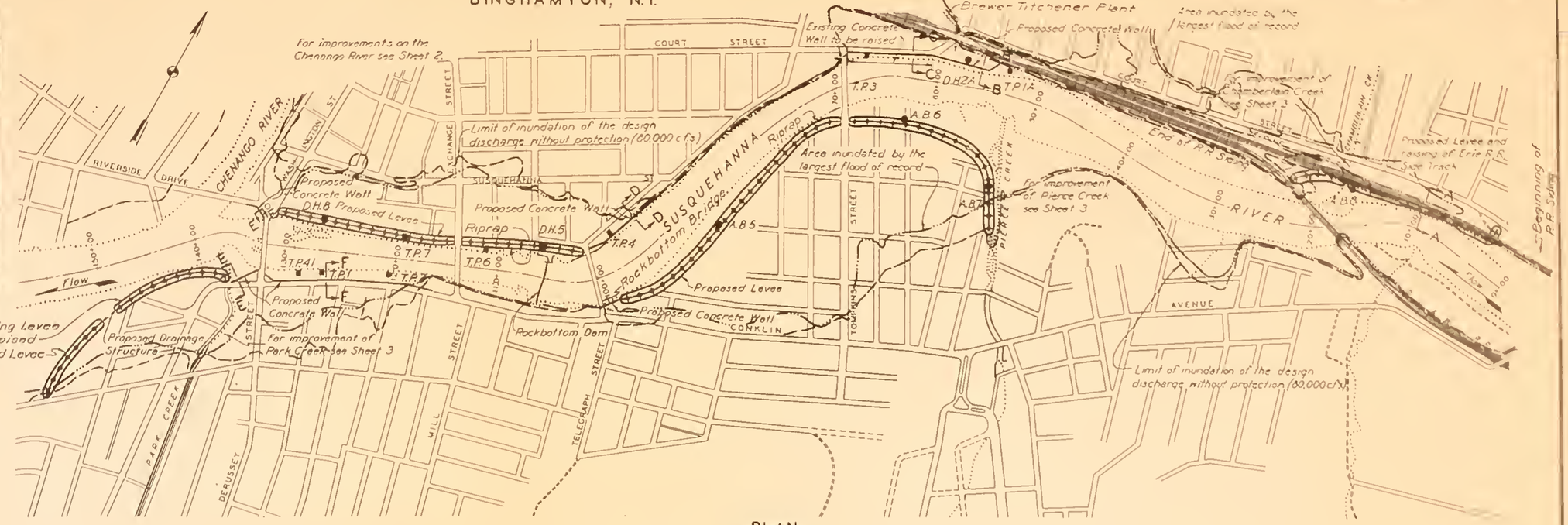

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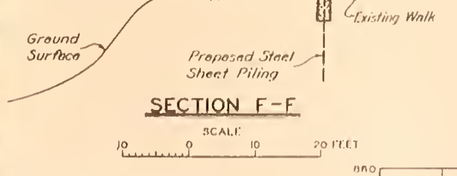

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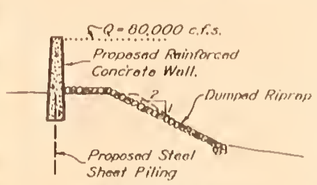

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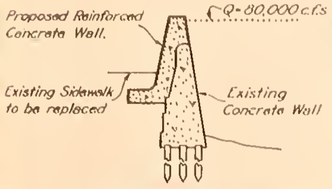

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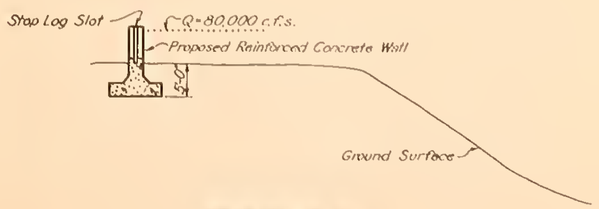

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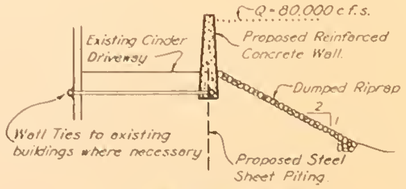

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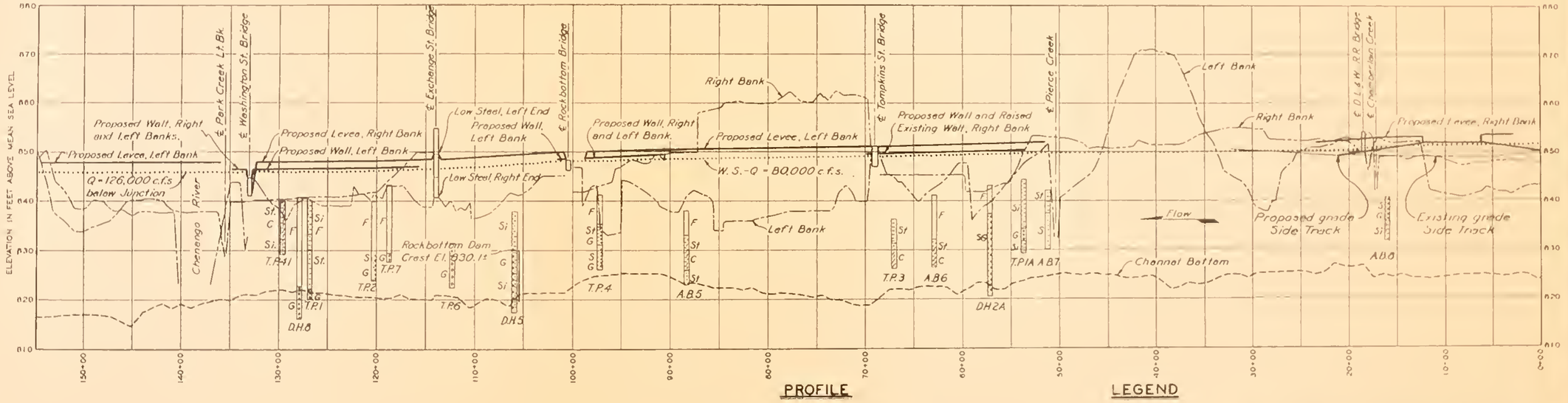

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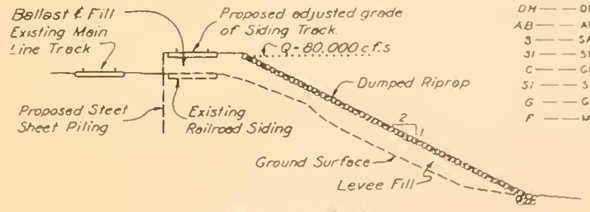

SECTION A-A

SCALE 10 0 10 20 FEET

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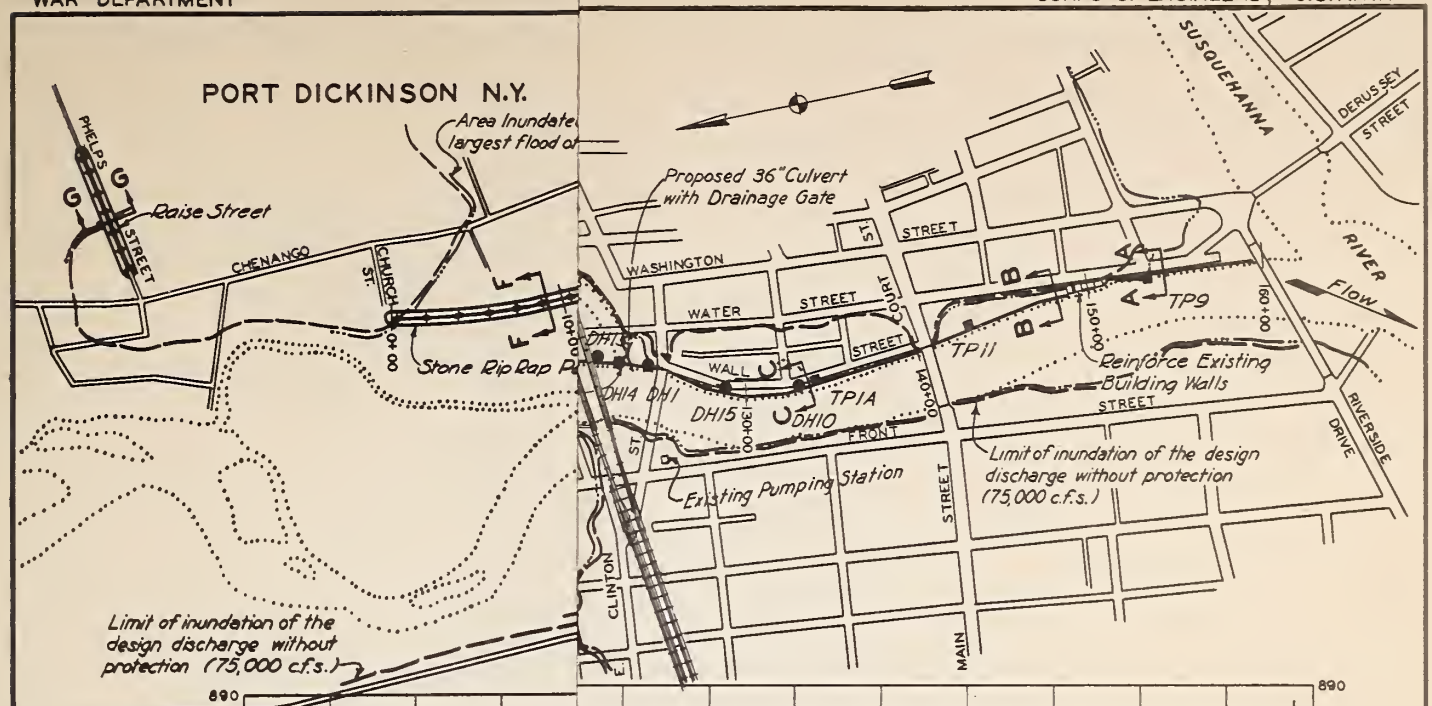
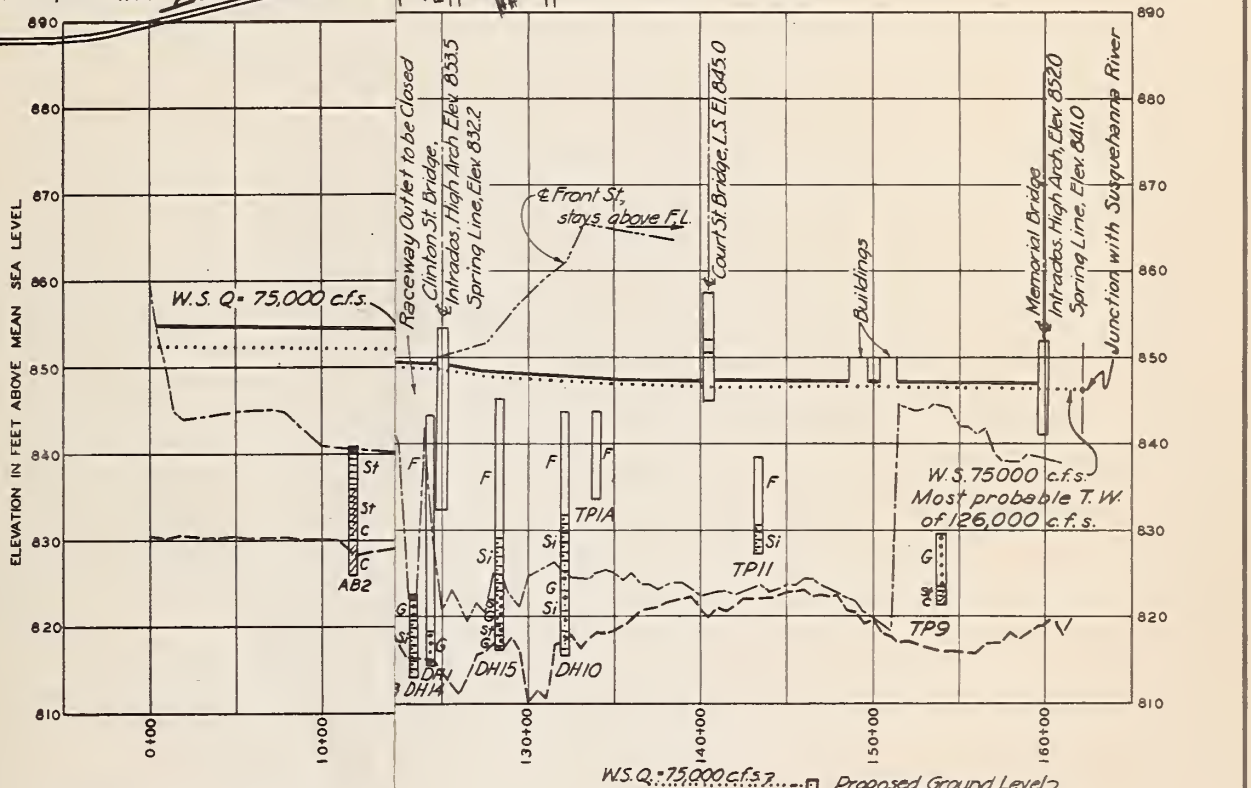
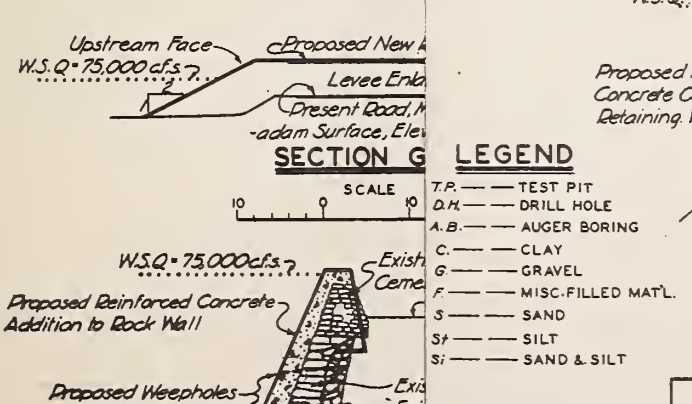
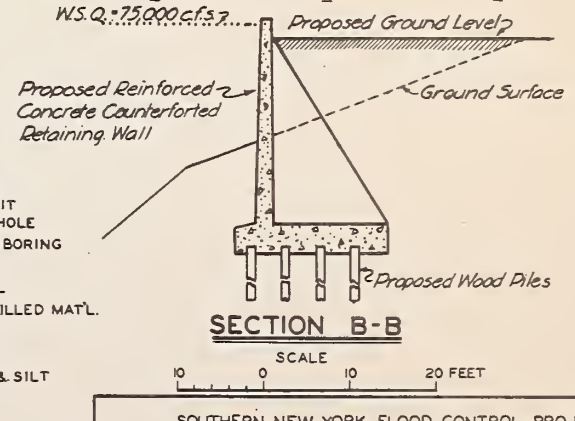
PORT DICKINSON N.Y.









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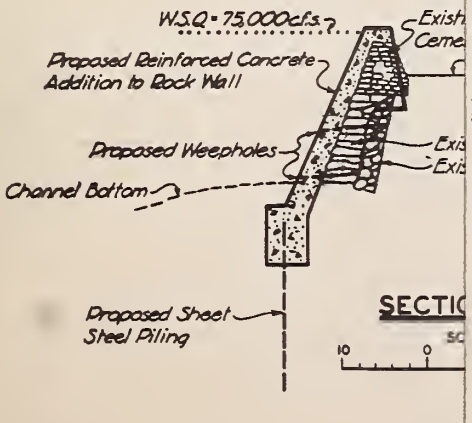

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PLAN

SCALE 500 0 500 1000 FEET

Area Inundated by the largest flood of record

Phelps Street

CHENANGO ST.

CHENANGO RIVER

Proposed Levee

Stone Rip Rap Paving

Limit of inundation of the design discharge without protection (75,000 c.f.s.)

Area inundated by the largest flood of record

FRONT STREET

CITY LINE

DICKINSON ST.

Proposed Levee

Stone Rip Rap

Existing Conc. Wall

Cutler Dam

Highway to be Raised to El 850.7

Concrete Cut off Wall

Stow Park

Proposed Levee Enlargement

Existing Pumping Station Raceway Closed

Proposed 36" Culvert with Drainage Gate

WASHINGTON STREET

WATER STREET

WALL STREET

FRONT STREET

Existing Pumping Station

Reinforce Existing Building Walls

Limit of inundation of the design discharge without protection (75,000 c.f.s.)

Existing Conc. Wall

CLINTON ST.

MAIN STREET

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

DEWITT ST.

STREET

FLOW

AB2 AB3 AB4 DH16 DH14 DH1 DH15 DH10 TP1A TP11 TP9

PROFILE

ELEVATION IN FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL

890 880 870 860 850 840 830 820 810

W.S. Q = 75,000 c.f.s.

Left Bank along ℄ of Protection

De Forest St. Bridge L.S. Flr. Elev. 846.0 Floor Elev. 849.4

℄ Front St. Stays above F.L.

Existing Wall, Right Bank

Cutler Ice Plant

Raceway Inlet to be Closed

Cutler Dam Crest Elev. 831.9

Right Bank Levee to be Raised

Erie R.R. Bridge L.S. Flr. Elev. 850.3 ℄ D.L.&W. R.R. Flr. Elev. 852.2

Raceway Outlet to be Closed

Clinton St. Bridge Intrados, High Arch Elev. 833.5 Spring Line, Elev. 832.2

℄ Front St. stays above F.L.

Court St. Bridge L.S. Flr. Elev. 845.0

Buildings

Memorial Bridge Intrados, High Arch Elev. 852.0 Spring Line, Elev. 841.0

Junction with Susquehanna River

Existing Highway To be Raised

℄ Front St.

Flow

Average Channel Bottom

W.S. 75000 c.f.s. Most probable T.W. of 126,000 c.f.s.

AB2 AB3 AB4 DH16 DH12 DH13 DH14 DH15 DH10 TP1A TP11 TP9

0+00 10+00 20+00 30+00 40+00 50+00 60+00 70+00 80+00 90+00 100+00 110+00 120+00 130+00 140+00 150+00 160+00

SECTION G-G

SCALE 10 0 10 20 FEET

Upstream Face

W.S. Q = 75,000 c.f.s.

Proposed New Road Surface El. 855

Levee Enlargement

Present Road, Mac-adam Surface, Elev. Varies

SECTION C-C

SCALE 10 0 10 20 FEET

W.S.Q = 75,000 c.f.s.

Existing Bags of Sand and Cement to be Removed

Ground Surface

Proposed Reinforced Concrete Addition to Rock Wall

Proposed Weepholes

Existing Rock Wall

Existing Loose Rock Fill

Channel Bottom

Proposed Sheet Steel Piling

SECTION F-F

SCALE 10 0 10 20 FEET

W.S. Q = 75,000 c.f.s.

6'

2 1

Earth Fill

Concrete Paving or Stone Rip Rap where indicated, Sodded Surface Otherwise

12" Minimum Stripping

Inspection Trench

SECTION E-E

SCALE 10 0 10 20 FEET

W.S. Q = 75,000 c.f.s.

Apply Cement Grout Waterproofing on Welded Wire Mesh, (Anchored) Minimum Thickness 2½"

Paved Road Surface

Existing Cement-Sand Bag Wall

Existing Stone Wall, Height Varies. Section Unknown.

Stream Bed Varies

SECTION D-D

SCALE 10 0 10 20 FEET

W.S. Q = 75,000 c.f.s.

Proposed Reinforced Concrete Wall

Parking Space (Elev. varies)

Proposed Rip Rap

Channel Bottom

Existing Bank

Spalls (3') under Rip Rap

Proposed Sheet Steel Piling

SECTION A-A

SCALE 10 0 10 20 FEET

W.S. Q = 75,000 c.f.s.

Proposed Reinforced Concrete Wall

Existing Street

Existing Ground Line

NOTE: Existing Protection to be Undisturbed

Proposed Sheet Steel Piling

Existing Stream Bed

SECTION B-B

SCALE 10 0 10 20 FEET

W.S. Q = 75,000 c.f.s.

Proposed Ground Level

Proposed Reinforced Concrete Counterforted Retaining Wall

Ground Surface

Proposed Wood Piles

LEGEND

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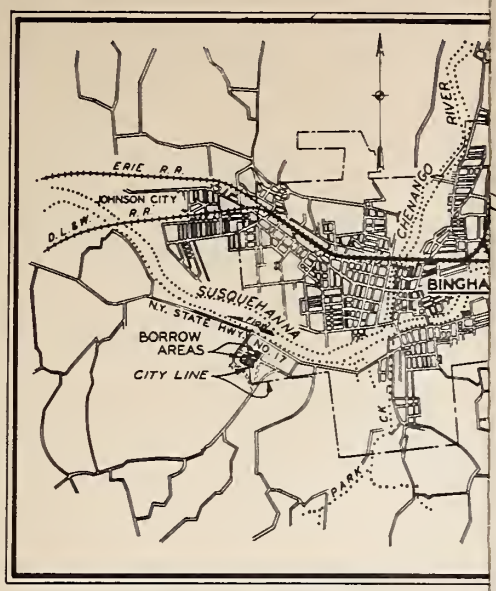

GENERAL LOCATION M

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W 1000

E&W 00

ST.

S 1000

ORCHARD ALLEY

FAIRBANKS AVE.

EXCHANGE ST.

S 4000

RIVER

50+00 NEW WALL 55+00 60+00

LEVEE EMBANKMENT

S 2000

NKLIN AVE.

MARY ST.

NEW ST.

TREMONT AVE.

LIVINGSTON ST.

TO CONKLIN

CANAL

TO VESTAL

S 5000

N. Y. STATE HWY.

LIMIT OF CONTRACT
Sta. 62+70 ±

BEGINNING OF CONTRACT
Sta 3+50±

S 3000

GENERAL NOTES:
Borrow areas shall be finally dressed and left free draining.

S 4000

W 5000

SOUTHERN NEW YORK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER FLOOD PROTECTION
BINGHAMTON SECTION NO. 1
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

GENERAL PLAN

SCALES: AS SHOWN

U.S. ENGINEER OFFICE, BINGHAMTON DISTRICT, BINGHAMTON, N.Y. NOV. 2, 1939

SUBMITTED: SENIOR ENGINEER

RECOMMENDED: PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

APPROVED: MAJOR, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DISTRICT ENGINEER

DESIGN SECTION: SENIOR ENGINEER

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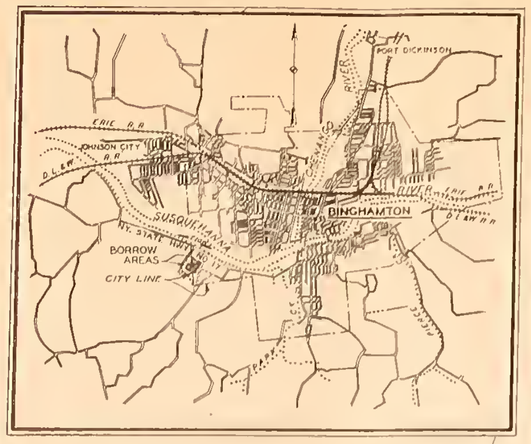
PLATE 4

WAR DEPARTMENT

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U.S. ARMY



GENERAL LOCATION MAP

SCALE OF MILES
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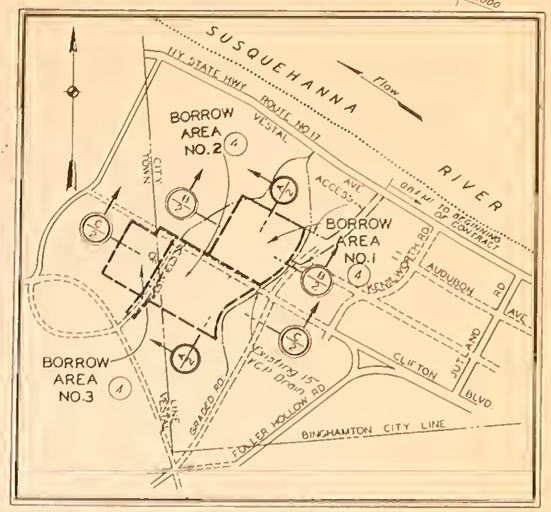

BORROW AREA LOCATION MAP

SCALE
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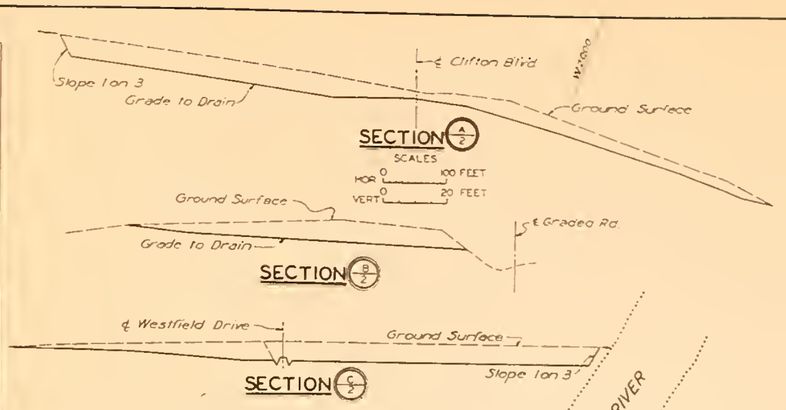

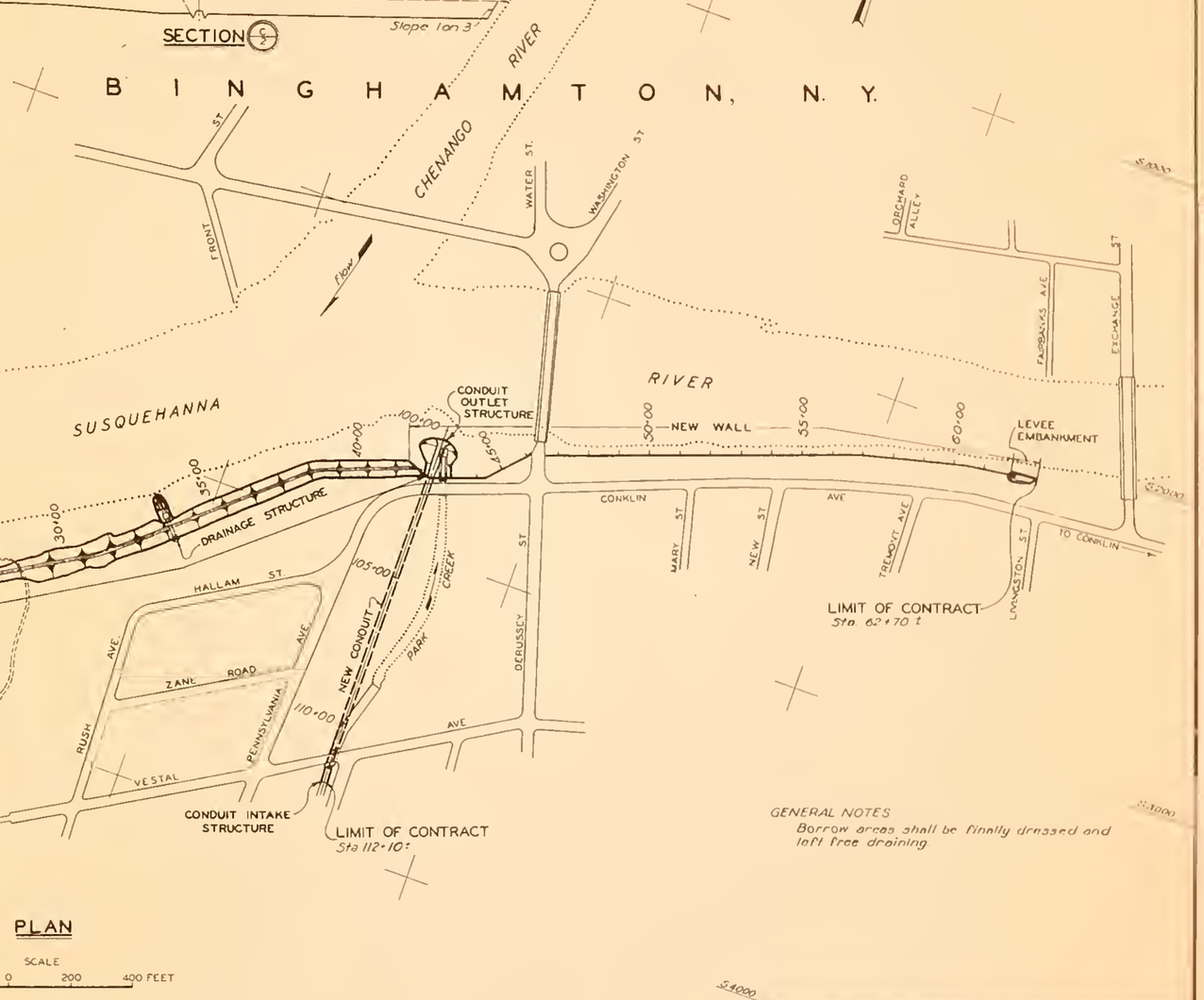

PLAN

SCALE
200 0 200 400 FEET

GENERAL NOTES

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SOUTHERN NEW YORK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER FLOOD PROTECTION
BINGHAMTON SECTION NO. 1
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

GENERAL PLAN

SCALES AS SHOWN

U.S. ENGINEER OFFICE, BINGHAMTON DIST. PICT, BINGHAMTON, NY NOV 2, 1939

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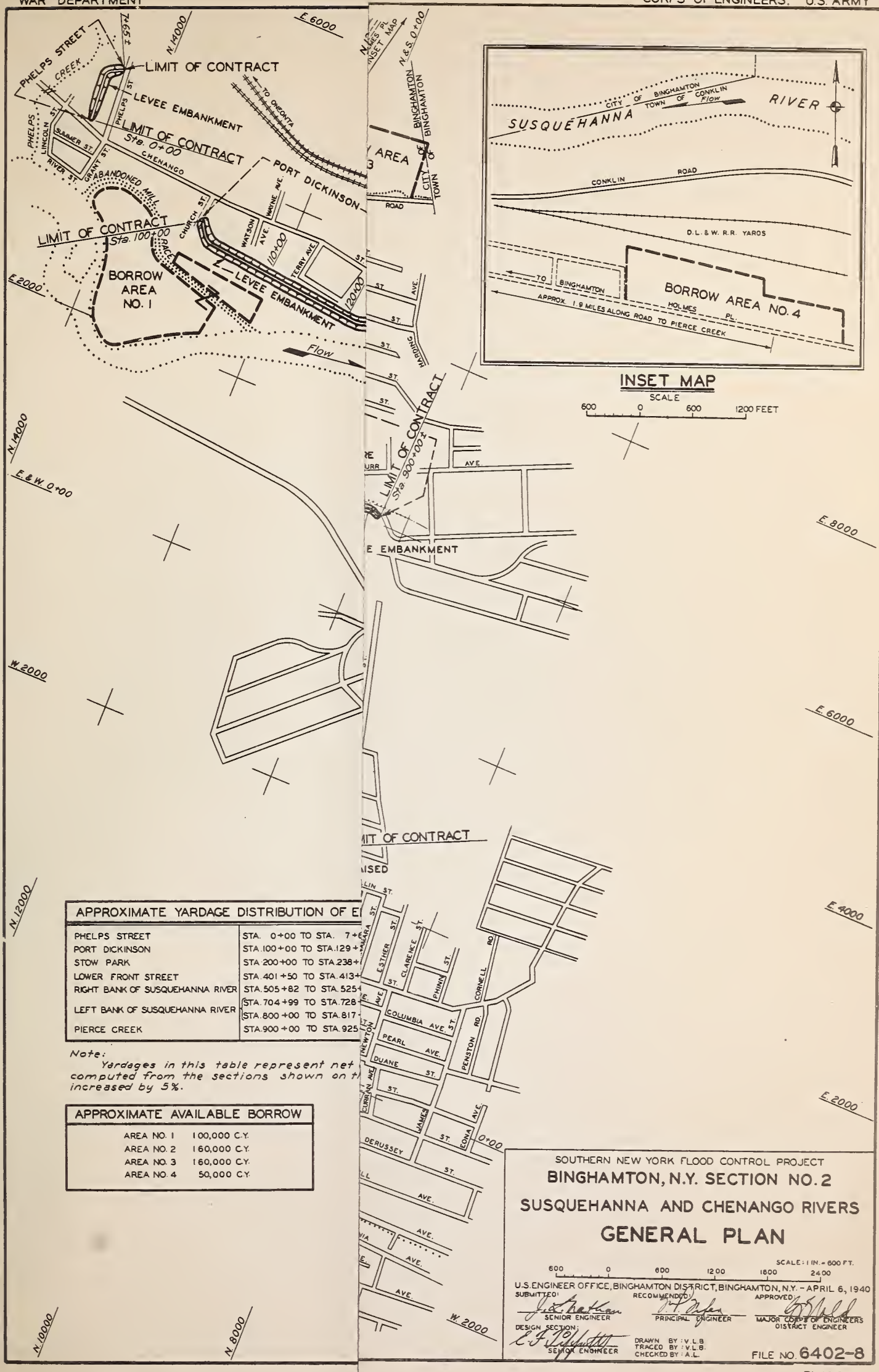

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PHELPS STREET	STA. 0+00 TO STA. 7+6
PORT DICKINSON	STA. 100+00 TO STA. 129+
STOW PARK	STA. 200+00 TO STA. 238+
LOWER FRONT STREET	STA. 401+50 TO STA. 413+
RIGHT BANK OF SUSQUEHANNA RIVER	STA. 505+82 TO STA. 525+
LEFT BANK OF SUSQUEHANNA RIVER	STA. 704+99 TO STA. 728+ STA. 800+00 TO STA. 817+
PIERCE CREEK	STA. 900+00 TO STA. 925+

Note:
Yardages in this table represent net
computed from the sections shown on t
increased by 5%.

APPROXIMATE AVAILABLE BORROW

AREA NO. 1	100,000 C.Y.
AREA NO. 2	160,000 C.Y.
AREA NO. 3	160,000 C.Y.
AREA NO. 4	50,000 C.Y.

SOUTHERN NEW YORK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. SECTION NO. 2

SUSQUEHANNA AND CHENANGO RIVERS

GENERAL PLAN

SCALE: 1 IN. = 600 FT.

600 0 600 1200 1800 2400

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SUBMITTED: SENIOR ENGINEER

RECOMMENDED: PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

APPROVED: MAJOR CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DISTRICT ENGINEER

DESIGN SECTION: SENIOR ENGINEER

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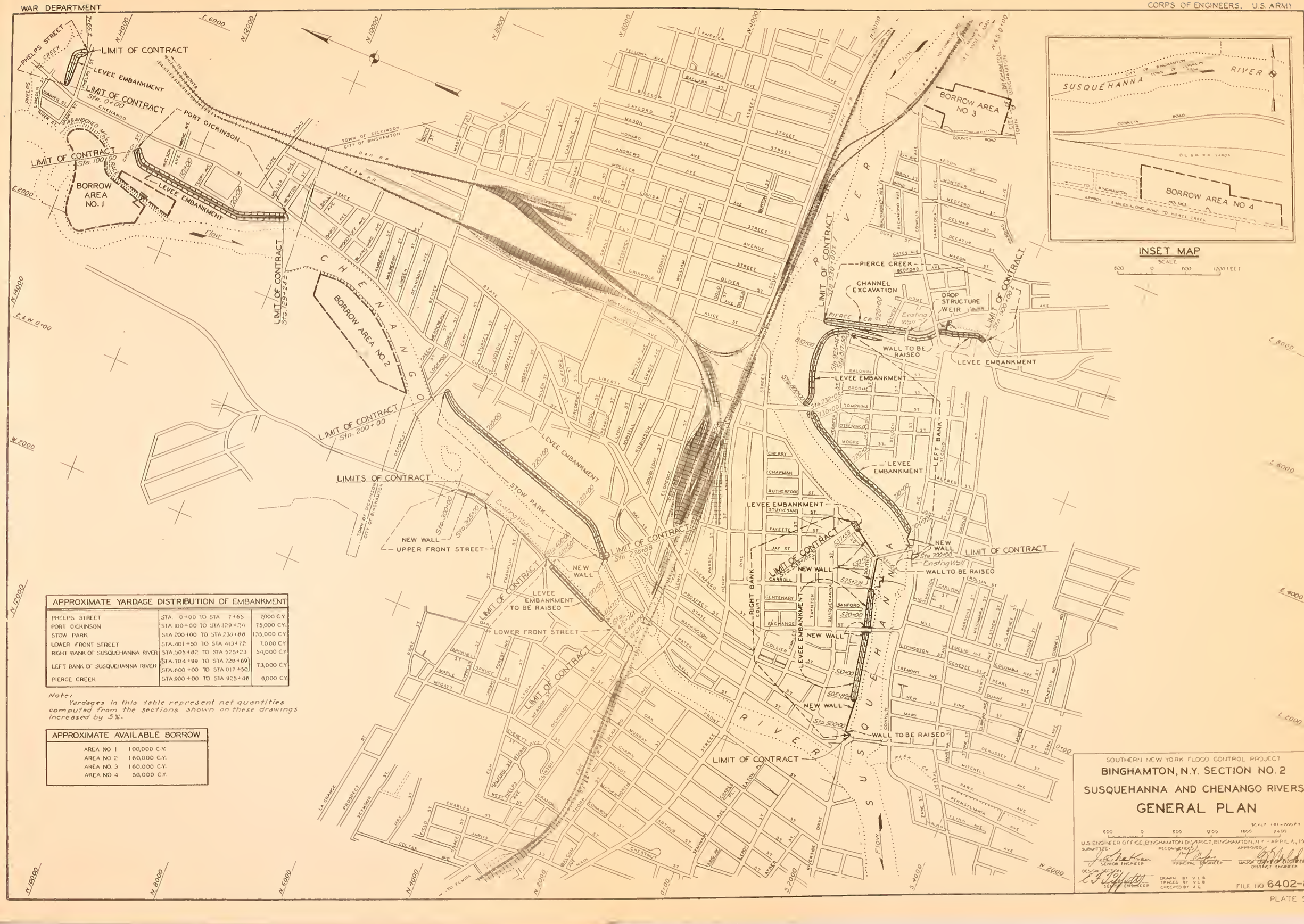

APPROXIMATE YARDAGE DISTRIBUTION OF EMBANKMENT		
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PORT DICKINSON	STA 100+00 TO STA 129+24	75,000 C.Y.
STOW PARK	STA 200+00 TO STA 230+88	135,000 C.Y.
LOWER FRONT STREET	STA. 401+50 TO STA 413+72	7,000 C.Y.
RIGHT BANK OF SUSQUEHANNA RIVER	STA. 505+82 TO STA 525+23	54,000 C.Y.
LEFT BANK OF SUSQUEHANNA RIVER	STA. 704+09 TO STA 728+09 STA. 800+00 TO STA 817+50	73,000 C.Y.
PIERCE CREEK	STA. 900+00 TO STA 925+46	6,000 C.Y.

Note:
Yardages in this table represent net quantities computed from the sections shown on these drawings increased by 5%.

APPROXIMATE AVAILABLE BORROW	
AREA NO 1	100,000 C.Y.
AREA NO 2	160,000 C.Y.
AREA NO 3	160,000 C.Y.
AREA NO 4	50,000 C.Y.

SOUTHERN NEW YORK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. SECTION NO. 2

SUSQUEHANNA AND CHENANGO RIVERS

GENERAL PLAN

SCALE 1 INCH = 400 FEET

U.S. ENGINEER OFFICE, BINGHAMTON DISTRICT, BINGHAMTON, N.Y. - APRIL 8, 1940

SUBMITTED: J. C. Bratton, SENIOR ENGINEER

RECOMMENDED: [illegible], PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

APPROVED: [illegible], DISTRICT ENGINEER

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PLATE 5

WAR DEPARTMENT

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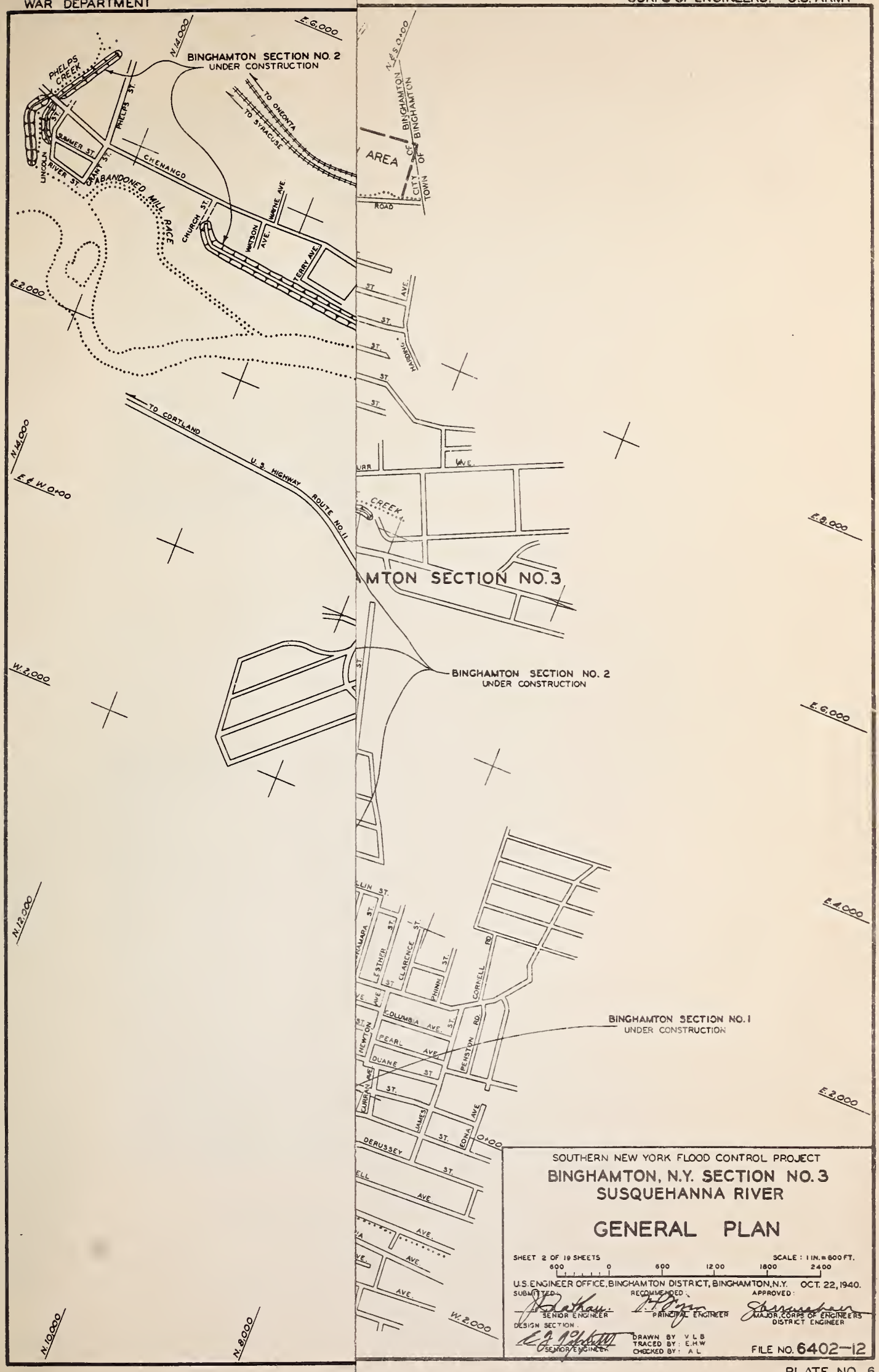

SOUTHERN NEW YORK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. SECTION NO. 3
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

GENERAL PLAN

SHEET 2 OF 19 SHEETS

SCALE : 1 IN. = 600 FT.

600 0 600 1200 1800 2400

U.S. ENGINEER OFFICE, BINGHAMTON DISTRICT, BINGHAMTON, N.Y. OCT. 22, 1940.

SUBMITTED: SENIOR ENGINEER

RECOMMENDED: PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

APPROVED: MAJOR, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DISTRICT ENGINEER

DESIGN SECTION: SENIOR ENGINEER

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PLATE NO. 6

WAR DEPARTMENT

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U.S. ARMY

BINGHAMTON SECTION NO. 2
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PHELPS CREEK

TO UNIVIA

ABANDONED MILL RACE

CHENANGO

TOWN OF DICKINSON
CITY OF BINGHAMTON

DAM

C H E N A N G O

TO CORTLAND

U.S. HIGHWAY ROUTE NO. 11

FRONT

STREET

BINGHAMTON SECTION NO. 2
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

TO ENDICOTT

TO ENDICOTT

FLOW

BORROW AREA

RIVER

EMBANKMENT

LIMIT OF CONTRACT
Sta. 16+60±

NEW WALL

WALL TO BE RAISED

LIMIT OF CONTRACT
Sta. 0+25.72

BINGHAMTON SECTION NO. 3

TOMPKINS ST. BRIDGE

BINGHAMTON SECTION NO. 2
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

S U S Q U E H A N N A

RIVER

BINGHAMTON SECTION NO. 1
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PARK PLACE

SOUTHERN NEW YORK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. SECTION NO. 3
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

GENERAL PLAN

SHEET 2 OF 10 SHEETS

SCALE 1 IN = 800 FT

400 0 800 1200 1600 2400

U.S. ENGINEER OFFICE, BINGHAMTON, DISTRICT, BINGHAMTON, N.Y. OCT. 22, 1940

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PLATE NO. 6

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
FLOOD OF APRIL 1940
Jackson Street looking west from
Tompkins Street.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
FLOOD OF APRIL 1940
Hodskins Flats - looking northeast
from a point about 200 feet north
of Conklin Avenue & Alfred Street.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
FLOOD OF APRIL 1940
Exchange Street, north from
Exchange Street Bridge.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
SECTION NO. 2
Levee construction on the right
bank at Exchange Street.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
FLOOD OF APRIL 1940
Left bank, downstream of Tompkins
Street Bridge.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
SECTION NO. 2
Levee on the left bank, downstream
from Tompkins Street.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
SECTION NO. 1
Levee construction on the left
bank below Park Creek.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
SECTION NO. 1
Concrete flood wall on the left bank
between Exchange and DeRussey Streets.

PARK CREEK, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
SECTION NO. 1
Conduit outlet structure.

PIERCE CREEK, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
SECTION NO. 2
Placing concrete in the drop
structure.

CORNING, NEW YORK

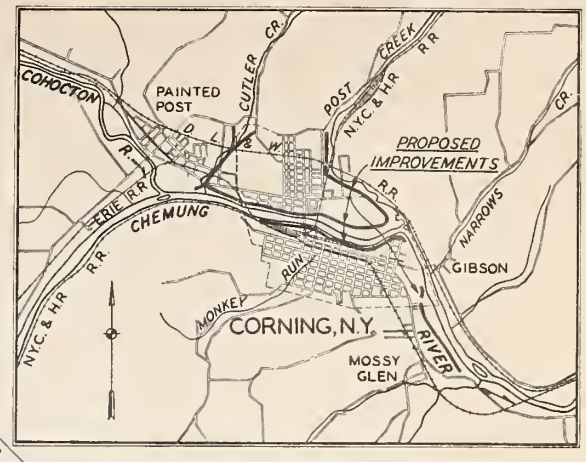
The city of Corning, New York, is on the Chemung River, a short distance below where it is formed by the junction of the Tioga and Cohocton Rivers (Plate 12). The city has been subject to flooding from the river and from tributary creeks, especially Cutler Creek. The major floods have been those of 1889, 1935, and 1940. Studies have shown it to be impracticable to protect the city by reservoirs, so the entire protection is being supplied by flood walls and levees.

The project will increase the non-damaging capacity of the Chemung River from 40,000 to 115,000 c.f.s. and that of Cutler Creek from 2,000 to 9,000 c.f.s. The improvement will provide protection from a discharge approximately 60 percent larger than the 1935 flood, the second largest of record. Views of inundation during the 1940 flood, comparable to that of 1935, are shown on Plates 14 and 15.

The improvement will consist of four or more sections, to be prosecuted as separate contracts. Section No. 1 involves protection of the left bank of the Cohocton and Chemung Rivers from the Erie Railroad bridge in Painted Post to that at Corning (Plate 13), and improvement of Cutler Creek. The lower end of the existing Painted Post levee will be raised, and a new levee will be built below the mouth of Cutler Creek. The Cutler Creek improvement will consist of a realigned channel, a conduit, wing

levees, and three drop structures. Construction under contract on Section No. 1 of the improvement was started on July 12, 1940, and to date is approximately 30 percent completed. The estimated date of completion is in November 1941. The Chemung River levee and the upper wing levees, totaling 123,000 cubic yards of material, have been completed except for seeding. The Painted Post levee enlargement is about 75 percent completed. About 5,000 cubic yards of material have been excavated from the conduit area and approximately 1,300 cubic yards of concrete have been placed in the conduit. Plate 16 shows a general view of the progress of construction on the entire project, and Plates 17 and 18 show details of the work on Cutler Creek.

The remainder of the project consists of a pumping plant; levees along the left bank of the Chemung River from Section No. 1 to the mouth of Post Creek; walls and levees along the right bank of the Chemung River from high ground at the west end of the city to high ground at the east end; and a levee along the right bank of Post Creek. Plans are now being prepared, and construction will begin as soon as possible.



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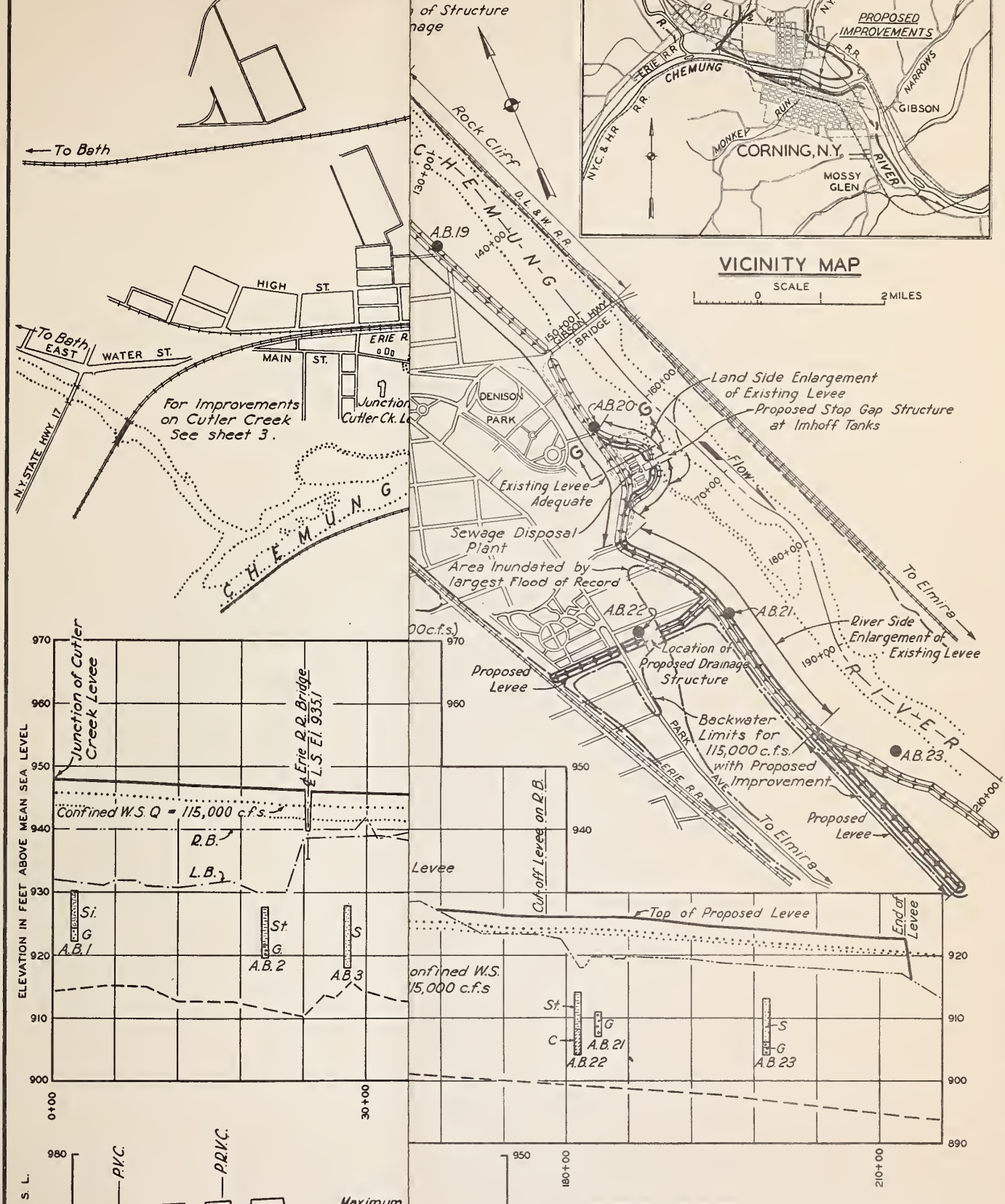

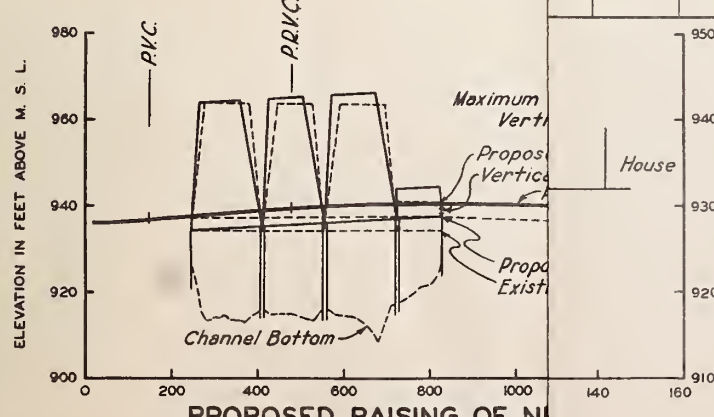

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SOUTHERN NEW YORK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CORNING, N.Y.

SCALES: AS SHOWN

U.S. ENGINEER OFFICE, BINGHAMTON DISTRICT, BINGHAMTON, N.Y. MAY 20, 1939

SUBMITTED: J. L. Mathews, SENIOR ENGINEER
RECOMMENDED: O. P. Fifer, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER
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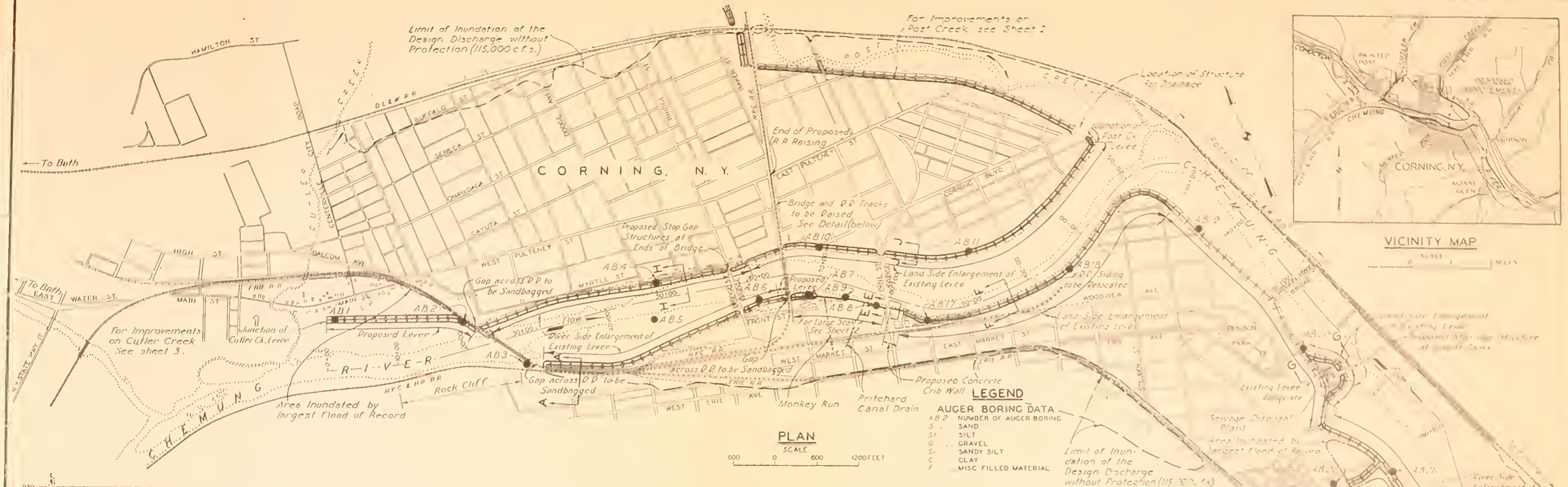
PLATE 12

WAR DEPARTMENT

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U.S. ARMY



VICINITY MAP

SCALE 0 1 MILES

PLAN

SCALE 600 0 600 1200 FEET

LEGEND

AUGER BORING DATA

AB 2	NUMBER OF AUGER BORING
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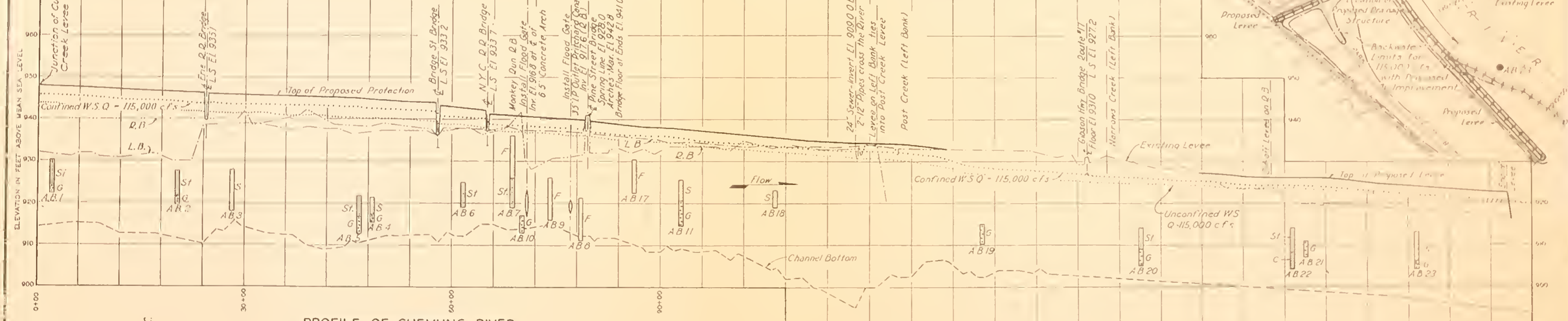
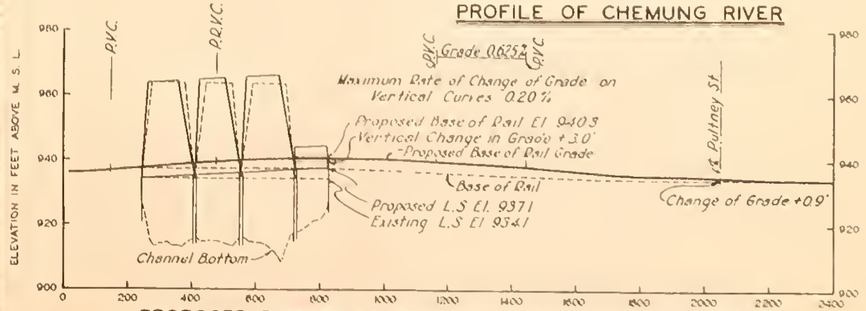
St	SILT
G	GRAVEL
Si	SANDY SILT
C	CLAY
F	MISC FILLED MATERIAL



PROFILE OF CHEMUNG RIVER



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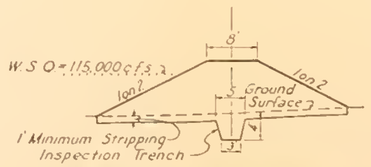

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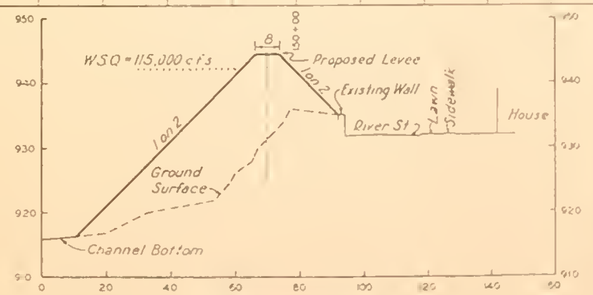

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SOUTH BRANCH TIOGA RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CORNING, N.Y.

U.S. ENGINEER OFFICE, BINGHAMTON, N.Y. MAY 29, 1939

J.K. Hatham, DIVISION ENGINEER; O.C. Lefler, DISTRICT ENGINEER; [illegible], U.S. ARMY DISTRICT ENGINEER

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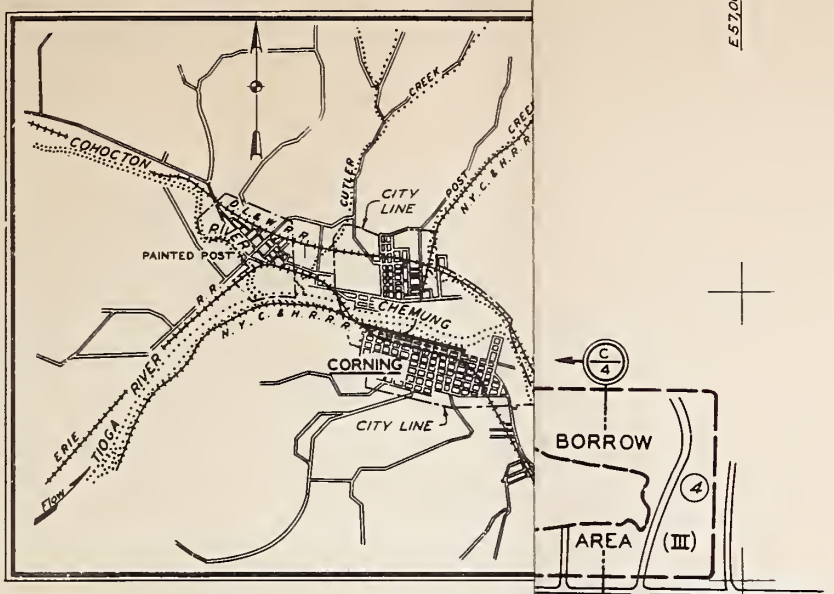
PLATE 12



GENERAL LOCATION MAP

LIMIT OF CONTRACT

SCALE OF MILES
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N 53,000

N 52,000

RE
NTS

N 51,000

N 51,000

HAMILTON ST

E. WAT

Flow

EXISTING WALL

COHOCTO

N G, N. Y.

N 50,000

N 50,000

N 49,000

N 49,000

N 48,000

N 48,000

TIOGA RIVER

Flow

E 57,000

SOUTHERN NEW YORK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

CORNING, N.Y. SECTION NO. 1

CHEMUNG RIVER – CUTLER CREEK

GENERAL PLAN

SCALES AS SHOWN

U.S. ENGINEER OFFICE, BINGHAMTON DISTRICT, BINGHAMTON, N.Y. MARCH 29, 1940

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APPROVED: MAJOR, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DISTRICT ENGINEER

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PLATE NO. 13

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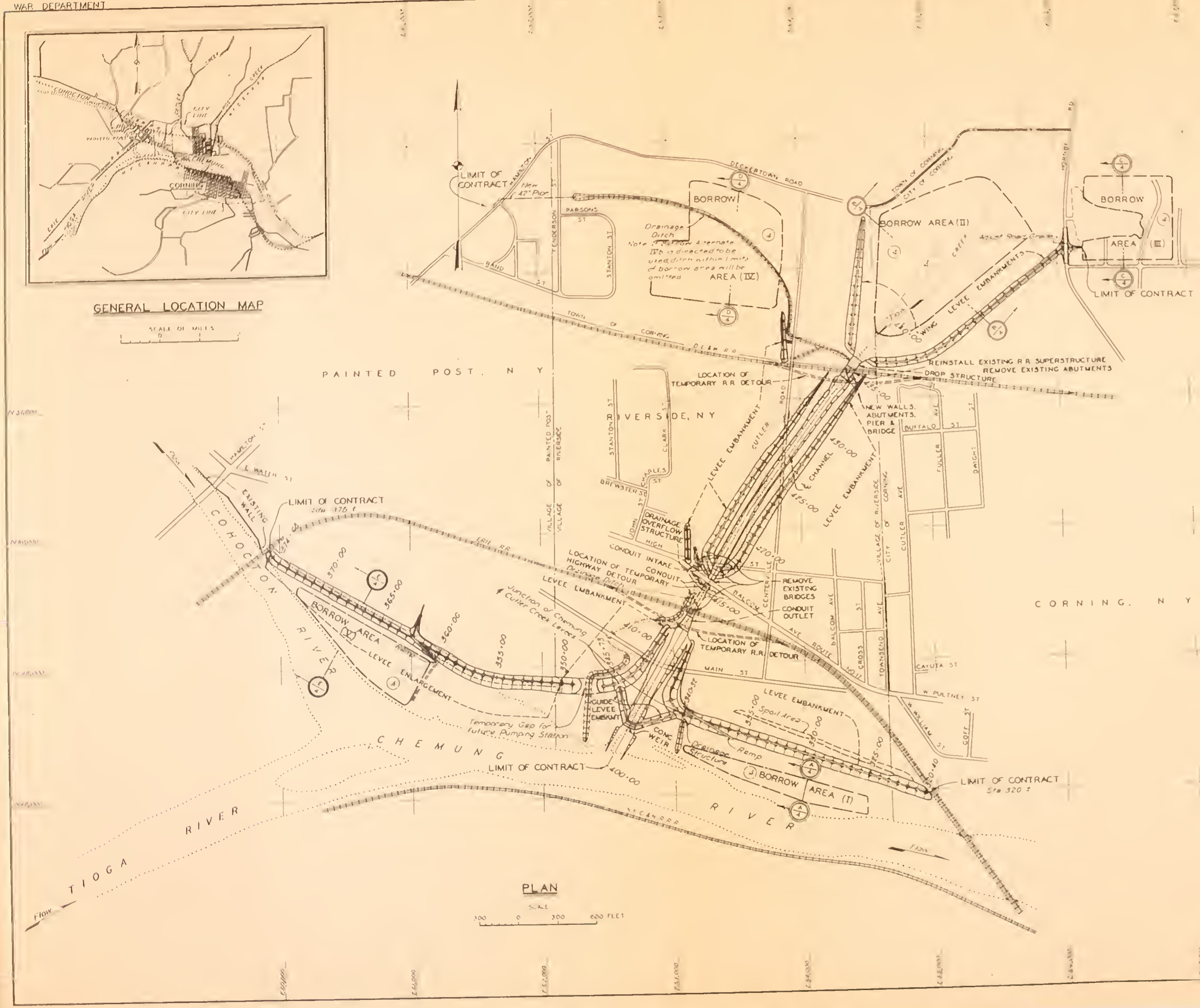

SOUTHERN NEW YORK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

CORNING, N.Y. SECTION NO. 1
CHEMUNG RIVER – CUTLER CREEK

GENERAL PLAN

SCALES AS SHOWN

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PLATE NO. 13

CHEMUNG RIVER, CORNING, N. Y. - FLOOD OF APRIL 1940
Corning Glass Works, factory "A".

Plate 14

CHEMUNG RIVER, PAINTED POST, N. Y. - FLOOD OF APRIL 1940
Imperial Club House, showing flooding around lower end of Painted Post levee. Water was up to the top of foundation wall the previous night.

CHEMUNG RIVER, CORNING, N. Y. - SECTION NO. 1
General view of progress.

Plate 16

CHEMUNG RIVER, CORNING, N. Y.
SECTION NO. 1
Levee along left bank, downstream
from mouth of Cutler Creek.

CUTLER CREEK, CORNING, N. Y.
SECTION NO. 1
Conduit intake structure.

CUTLER CREEK, CORNING, N. Y.
SECTION NO. 1
Conduit construction.

CUTLER CREEK, CORNING, N. Y.
SECTION NO. 1
Interior of a section of the
conduit.

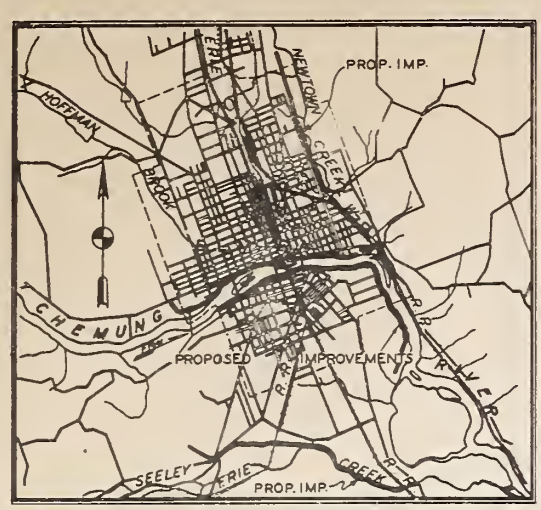
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

The city of Elmira, New York, is on the Chemung River about 25 miles above its confluence with the Susquehanna River. Seely, Newtown, and Hoffman Creeks enter the river through the city. Several major floods have occurred in the city with the floods of 1889, 1935, and 1940 being the severest. As it is impractical to protect the city by flood control reservoirs, the protection is to be supplied by flood walls and levees.

The flood protection works will increase the non-damaging capacity of the Chemung River from 60,000 c.f.s. to 100,000 c.f.s., that of Newtown Creek from 2,500 c.f.s. to 18,000 c.f.s., and that of Seely Creek from 10,000 c.f.s. to 26,000 c.f.s. The improvement will protect the city against a flood approximately 5 feet higher than the maximum flood of record, which occurred in June 1889.

The flood protection works will consist of two or more sections to be prosecuted under separate contracts, and will include construction of new levees, enlargement of the old levees, and construction of new flood walls on both banks of the Chemung River; construction of an earth levee on the right bank of Newtown Creek; and construction of an earth levee and a concrete flood wall on the left bank of Seely Creek. Pumping for the disposal of interior drainage and appurtenant drainage structures will be

provided. The general plan is shown on Plates 19 to 21, inclusive. Pictures showing the flood of 1889 are shown on Plates 22 to 24, inclusive.



VICINITY MAP

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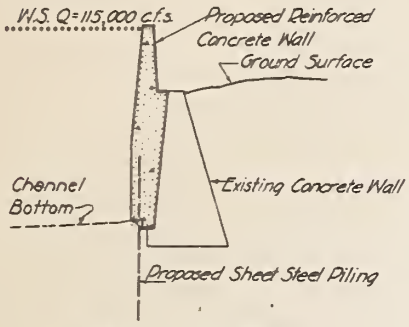

SECTION B-B

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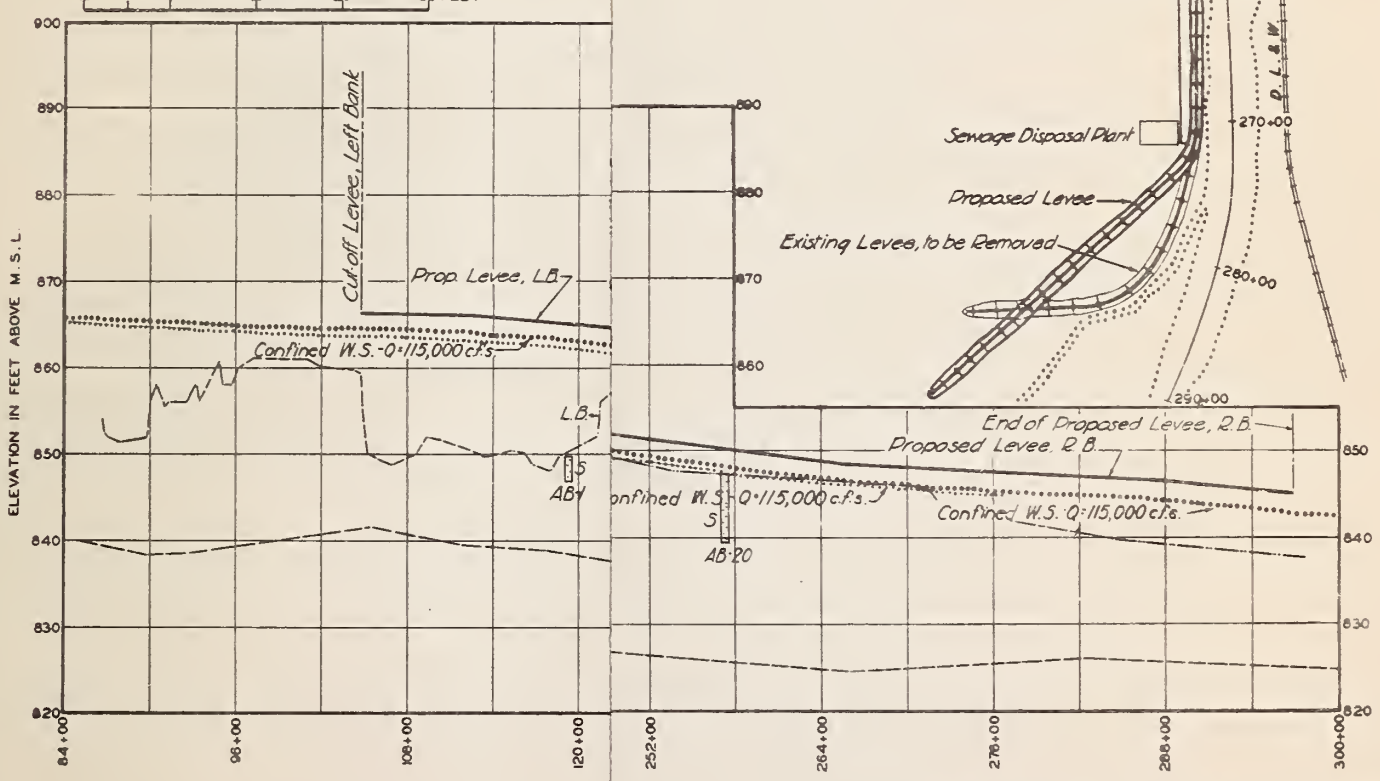

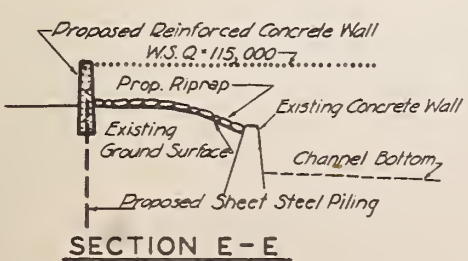

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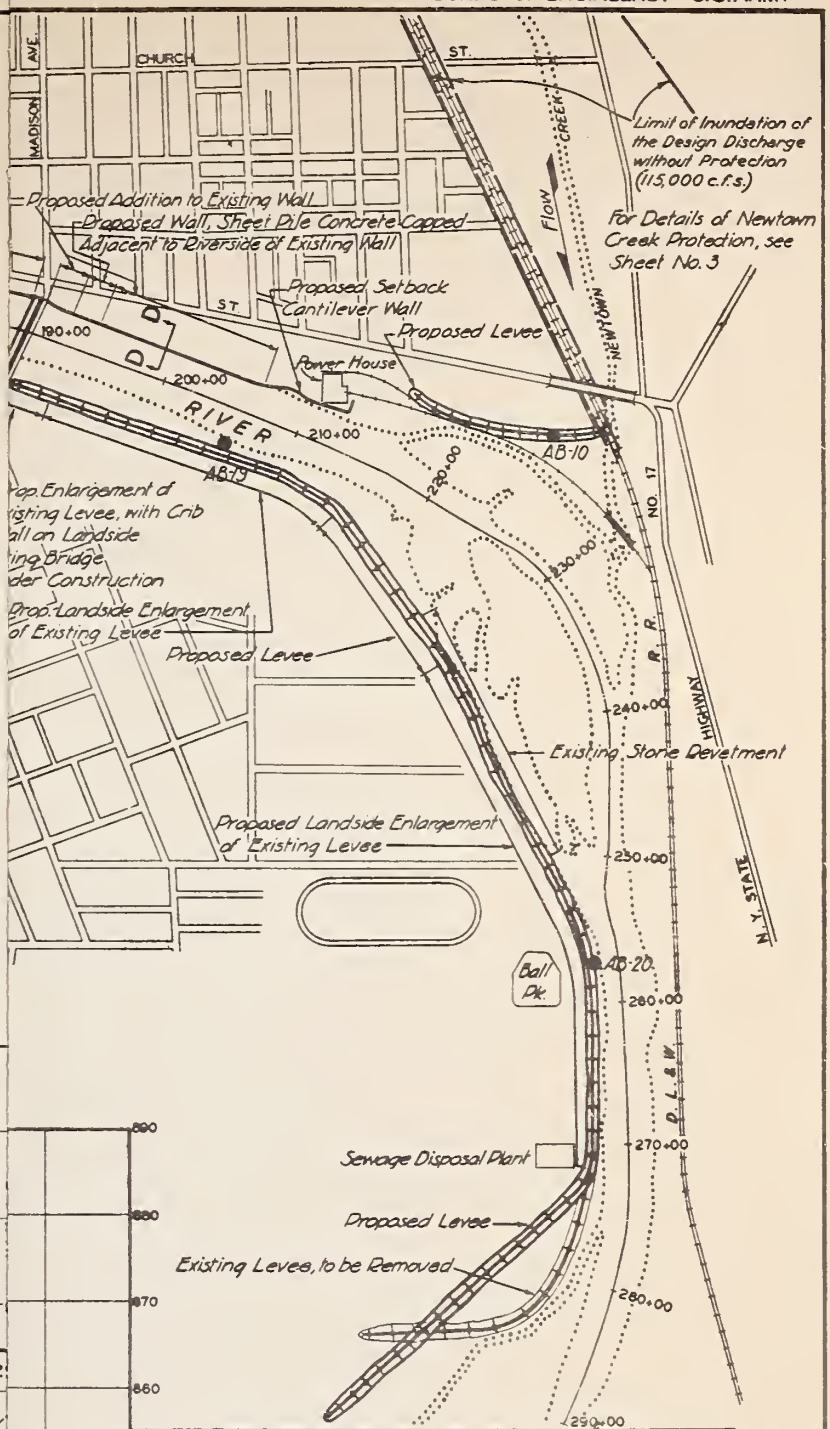

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ELMIRA, N.Y.

SHEET 1 OF 3 SHEETS

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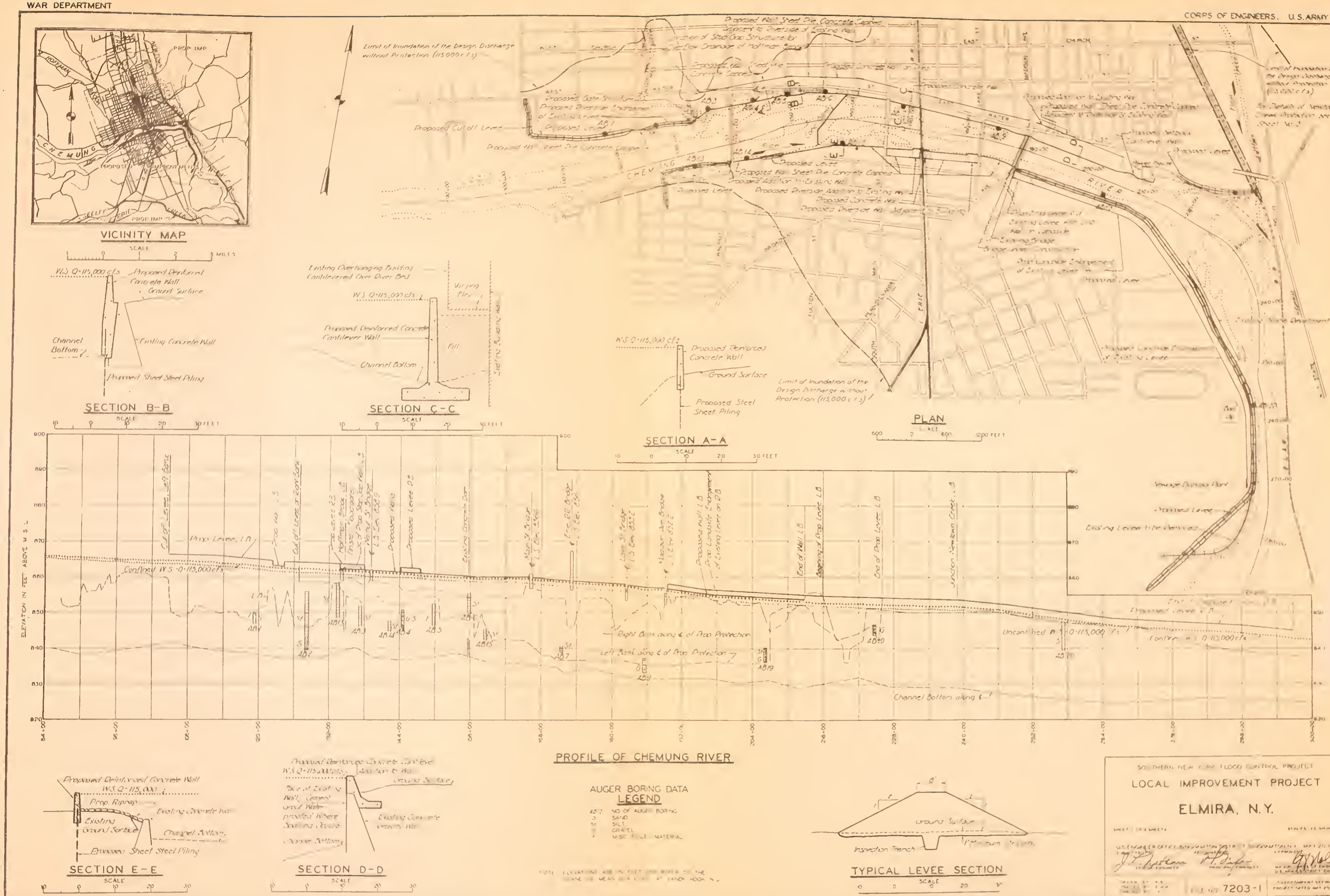

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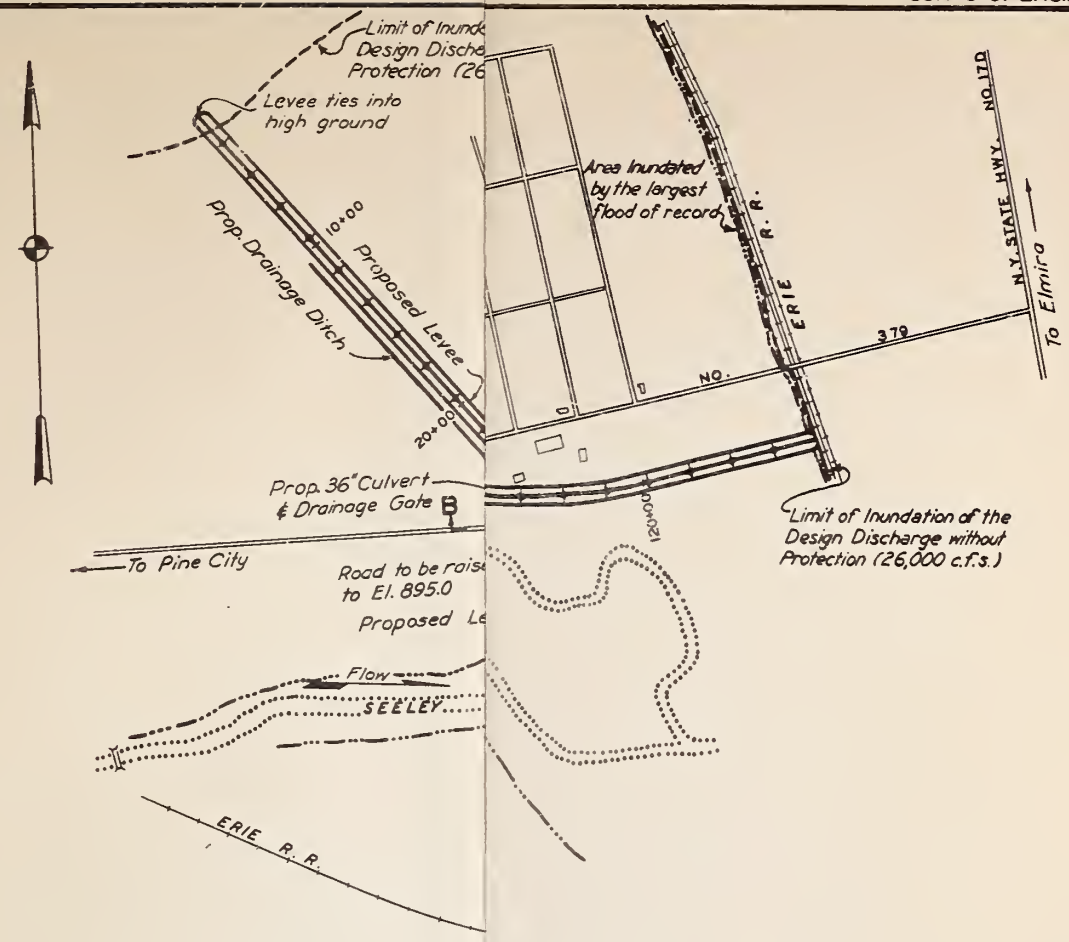

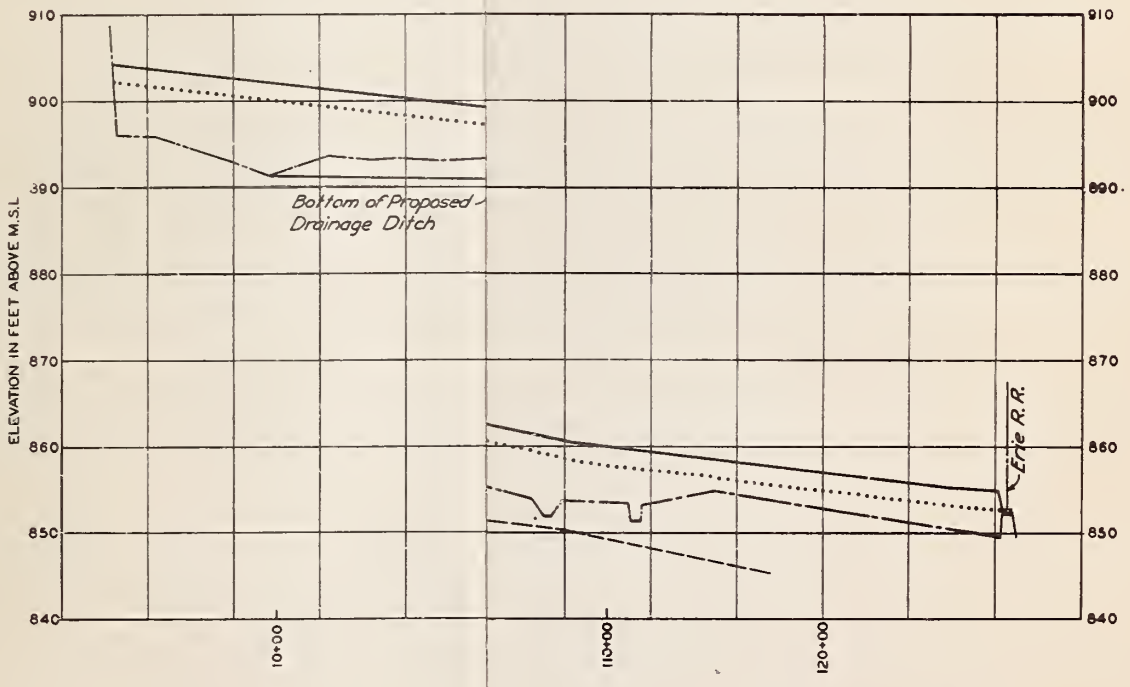

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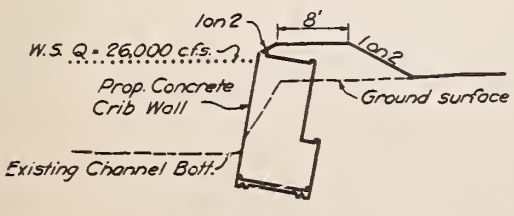

SECTION A-A

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PLATE NO. 20

WAR DEPARTMENT

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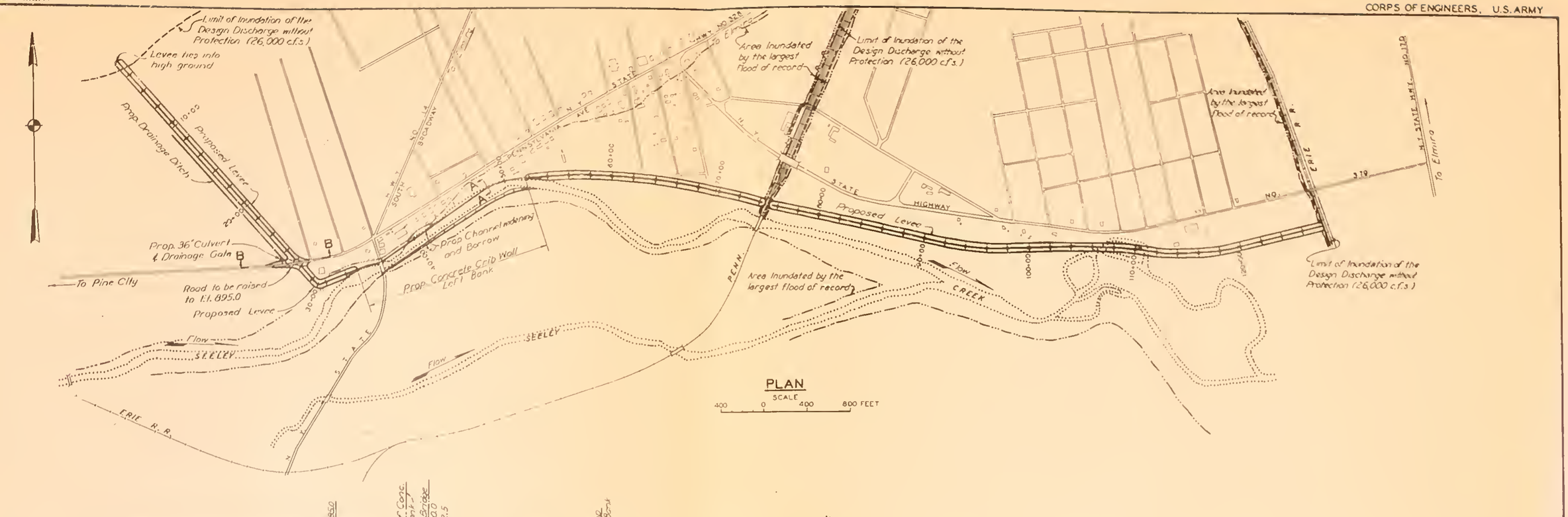
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Levee tie into high ground
Prop. Drainage Ditch
Proposed Levee
Prop. 36" Culvert & Drainage Gate
To Pine City
Road to be raised to El. 895.0
Proposed Levee
Flow
SEELEY
Prop. Channel Widening and Borrow
Prop. Concrete Crib Wall Left Bank
ERIE R. R.
PENN.
Area Inundated by the largest flood of record
Limit of Inundation of the Design Discharge without Protection (26,000 c.f.s.)
Area Inundated by the largest flood of record
STATE HIGHWAY
Proposed Levee
Flow
CREEK
Limit of Inundation of the Design Discharge without Protection (26,000 c.f.s.)
To Elmira
PLAN
SCALE
400 0 400 800 FEET

ELEVATION IN FEET ABOVE M.S.L.
Hwy. to be raised to El. 895.0
Upstream end of Conc. Crib Wall Left Bank
Highway Bridge L.S. El. 890.0 Fl. El. 892.5
Downstream end of Conc. Crib Wall Left Bank
Penn. R.R. Bridge L.S. El. 874.5 B. of R. El. 878.5
Penn. R.R.
Erie R.R.
Bottom of Proposed Drainage Ditch
W.S. Q = 26,000 c.f.s. (Confined & Unconfined)
Existing Channel Bottom
Ground Surface
Top of Proposed Levee, Left Bank
Left Bank along ℄ Levee
PROFILE
ALONG CENTER LINE OF PROPOSED LEVEE
SEELEY CREEK

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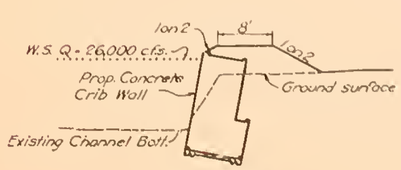

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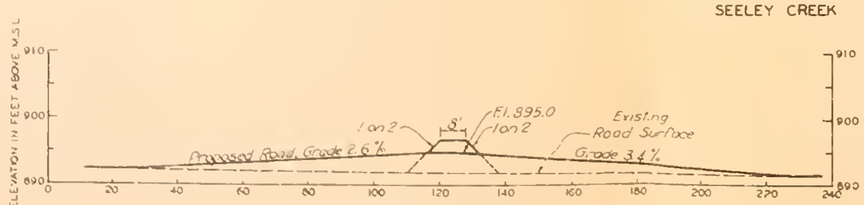

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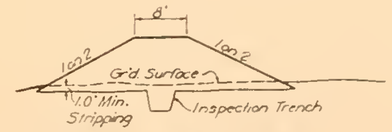

TYPICAL LEVEE SECTION

SCALE
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ELMIRA, N.Y.

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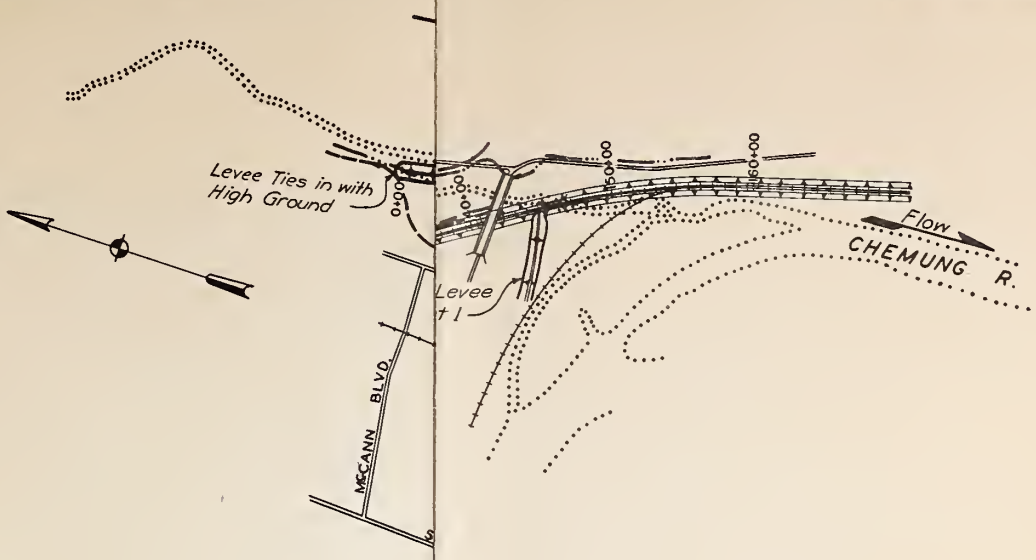

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AUGER BORING DATA

AB 12 —— NUMBER OF AUGER BORING
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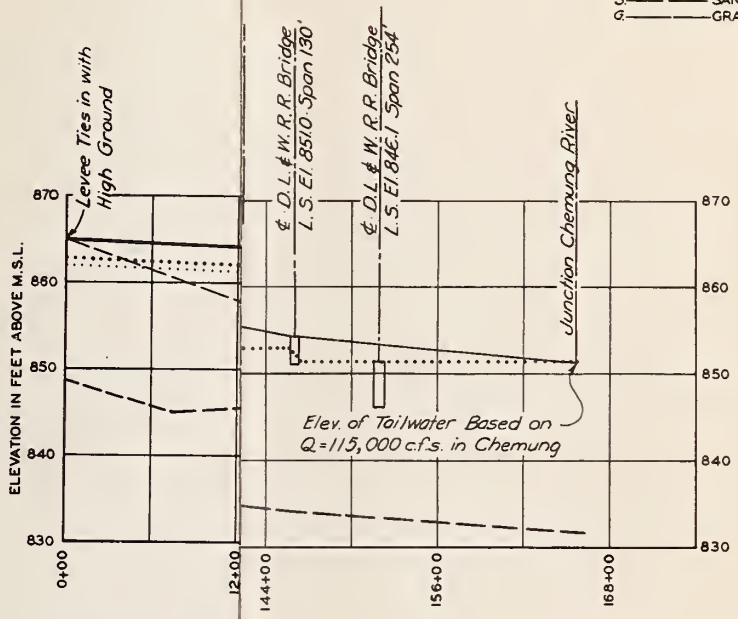
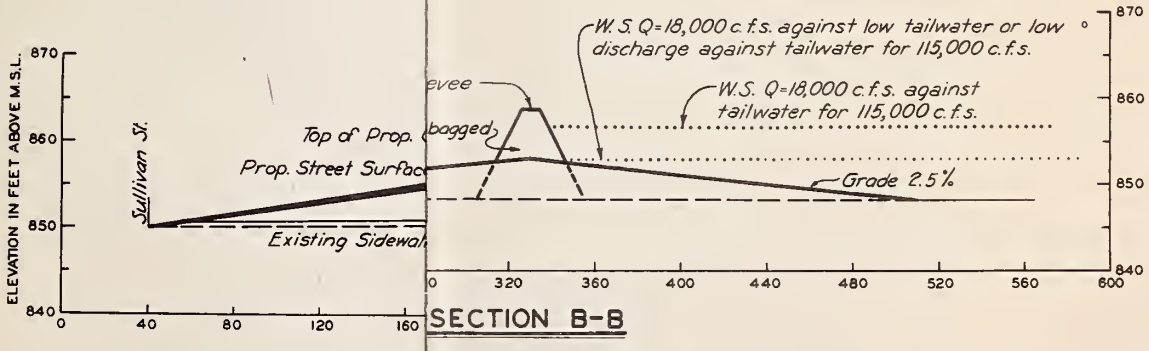
S. —— SAND
G. —— GRAVEL





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SOUTHERN NEW YORK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

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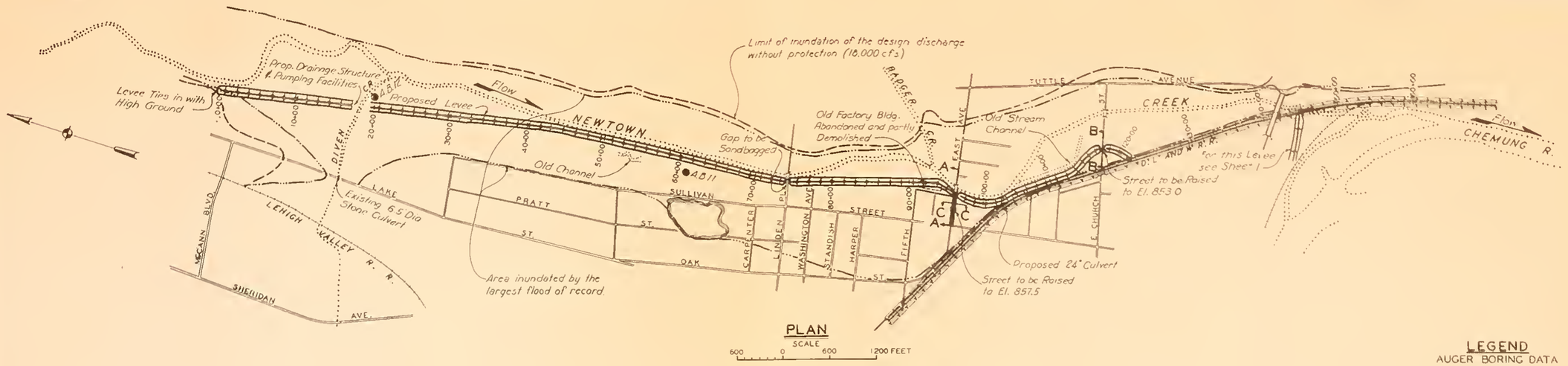

PLAN

SCALE

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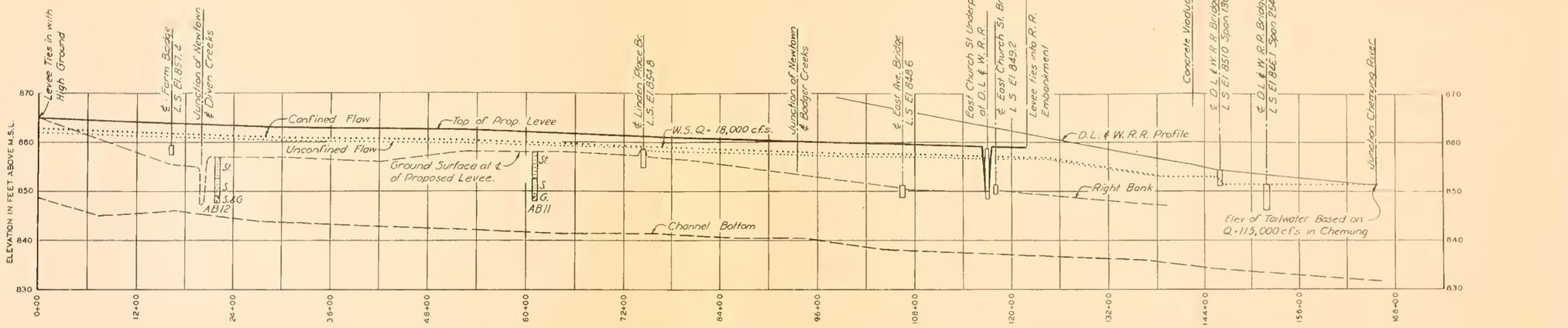
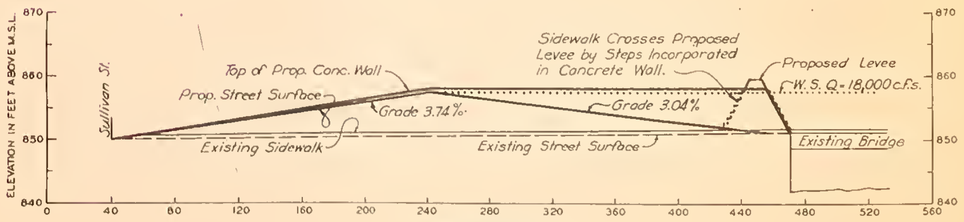


PROFILE

ALONG CENTER LINE OF PROPOSED LEVEE



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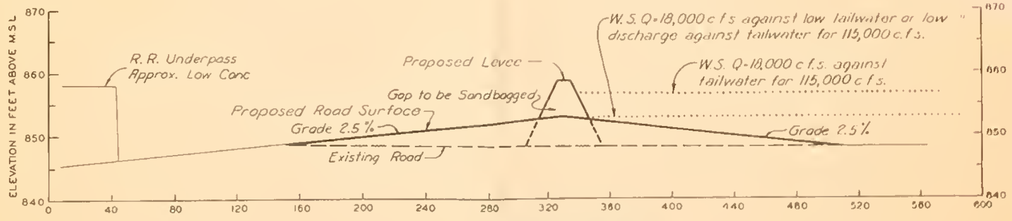

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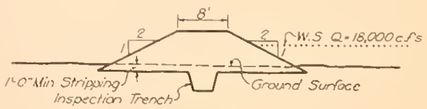

TYPICAL LEVEE SECTION

SCALE

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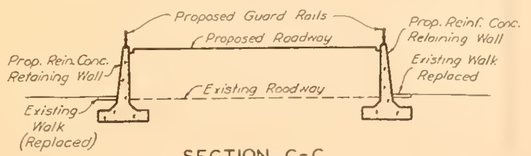

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CHEMUNG RIVER, ELMIRA, N. Y. - FLOOD OF 1889
Water Street above Lake Street.

Plate 22

CHEMUNG RIVER, ELMIRA, N. Y. - FLOOD OF 1889
East Water Street, midway between Lake and Baldwin Streets.

CHEMUNG RIVER, ELMIRA, N. Y. - FLOOD OF 1889
East Water Street, below Railroad Avenue.

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